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RECENT CONFLICTS ALSO REMEMBERED AS...

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IN Barry, as in towns and villages across the Vale, people made their way the local Cenotaph to honour those who have sacrificed their lives in the cause of freedom.

Earlier this month, the British death toll in to remember not only at the Barry Cenotaph; to Afghanistan reached 200 those from the two world page 14 for Glyn Evans and it appears that con-lict has sharpened peopeople from more recent flict has sharpened peo-ple's understanding of why older generations look upon Remembrance

John Hobbs, chairman John Hobbs, chairman "Remembrance Sunday of the Barry branch of the in Llantwit Major was Royal British Legion, recognised by old and reported: "This year's young alike. "As the parade made

"I think it is partly as a its way through the town, result of the battles in the military section of it Afghanistan. People now was clapped by people have a new understanding standing at the side of the of what Remembrance road – it was a very nice Sunday is all about."

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by TIM **CHAPMAN**

Mayor with Cowbridge Llanblethian, Coun Jon Harris, commented: "We had a very good turnout in the town, an excellent parade and a memorable service
"It was an opportunity

conflicts such as Afghanistan." The Mayor of Llantwit

Sunday as a sacred date in the nation's calendar. Major, Coun Russell Downe, said: "Remembrance Sunday

"As the parade made

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tary ties means it has an understanding of the sacmade by Armed Forces - and with recent conflicts and casualties more people are understanding the significance of the day."

Please turn to page 4 for a report on the Remembrance ceremony at the Barry Cenotaph; to pictorial record of the day; and to page 10 for Chris Franks' photographs taken at the ceremony in Dinas Powys.

RIGHT: Vice-chairman of the Barry branch of the Royal British Legion, Stan Smith. parade marshal at the Cenotaph. gives his salute.



Keep Bryneithin Open group is fearing the worst on and it is not going to

MEMBERS of the **Keep Bryneithin** Open group fear the Dinas Powys residential home for people suffering from Alzheimer's or forms of dementia is set for closure.

Mrs Sylvia Bowen told The GEM: "I understand that the director of social services Phil Evans had a meeting with Dinas Powys's Vale councillors on November 9 regarding Bryneithin.
"We tried to find out

from the group of councillors what was said, but were told they could not comment.

"By their demeanour we believe bad news is on the way – and at the worst time of the year, just before Christmas. "Something is going

be good. Why is the council meeting local councillors, rather than the families of residents or people who work in the home?" The GEM understands that the Dinas

Powys councillors who attended the meeting with Mr Evans were Chris Williams, Val Hartrey and Margaret Randall. Coun Chris Williams

confirmed that a meeting had taken place, but said councillors were unable to comment because they had given an undertaking to the director of social services not to say anything at this stage.

Earlier this year, the Vale Council carried out a 12-week consultation into the future of the

Four courses of action were under considera-tion: refurbishing the home and maintaining

the current number of places; refurbishing, and increasing places; clos-ing the home and building a new one on the site; an independent sector provision – including whether all the residents in Bryneithin could be accommodated together in another home or unit in the Vale that specialises in the care of older people with mental ill health.

Mrs Bowen added: "I believe Bryneithin residents could be moved to Dyfan in Gibbonsdown, with that home being re-registered for people with demen-

Director of social services Phil Evans said: "Council officers are currently preparing a report for cabinet and, as part of the normal process, there is an obligation to consult with relevant members about any proposal in their

Barry woman: 'I dreamed the impossible dream to reunite my family...

A WOMAN from Barry, whose aim was to reunite her family, realised her dream despite Pure & Fresh Real Indian Food To Go... being warned that it was impossible without spending tens of thousands of pounds to fight a

foreign court case. Now she has approached The GEM to tell her story as a thank you to those who helped, and as an encouragement to others who may feel they are

The GEM has withheld certain details to protect her identity and that of the family involved in the remark-

in a hopeless situation.

able story.
In the spring of 2008, the woman, who is in her 50s, had reached rock bottom.
"My teenage grand-

needed to satisfy the authorities abroad was that I could could accommodate him. At REPORT by TIM CHAPMAN

a housing association shoe-box of a flat and I desperately needed a two-bedroom property.
"It was a 'Catch-22'

situation, because to get the flat I needed, the

housing department said my grandson had to be living with me.

"I remember travel-ling along Holton Road on the number 96 bus one spring morning

feeling total frustration over why I couldn't get

any help from anyone. My head was resting against the window, and I was on the verge

of just giving up."
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son was in care in a foreign country and we were battling to bring him to Barry

"One of the things I the time, I was living in

'Keep these dogs on a lead!'- plea

AM writing in response to the letter, 'warning over dogs' attack in Cosmeston,' published in last week's GEM.

I have also encountered a problem with two dogs who attacked my dog twice in the space of 20 mir utes a few weeks ago.

Despite the problems they were causing, the owners of the dogs did nothing to control them, meaning I had to hold onto my dog to prevent her

Twenty minutes after the first attack, I saw the dogs again and so put my dog on a lead and assumed, given the earlier incident, the owners of the dogs would do the same. Unfortunately, they did not and their dogs

attacked mine again.

The only time the owners acknowledged me was

when I shouted at the dogs to get them away from mine – and still they did nothing. Sadly, this type of problem behaviour is becom-ing a regular occurrence at Cosmeston and various

other locations as some irresponsible dog owners fail to control their animals properly. There are many dogs who do not know even simple commands such as 'sit' and 'come'.

This lack of control is spoiling the walks of

responsible dog owners and their pets. I fear it is only a matter of time before a dog is seriously injured in an attack which could end up with an owner being bitten trying to intervene.

I would, therefore, urge anyone with an unruly dog to either train it properly or keep the animal on a lead, so that other people do not have to worry about their own dog.
(Name and address supplied)

'Think of the environment' council urged

THE Vale Council was urged this week to put environmental protection at the heart of its decision making by adding a section on "Environmental Implications (to include climate change)" to council reports.

Gibbonsdown councillor said: "Currently all reports contain sections on resource implications (financial and employment), legal implications (to include human rights) and equal opportunities implications (to include Welsh language issues).

"By adding a section on the protection of the environment will force all our officers to think about what effect their new policy will have on

our planet.

"It's about time local politicians got serious about climate change and the way that the council carries out its business has an effect, good or bad, on all our environments," he said.
"Protecting our environment should be at the

heart of every council policy. The scientific con-sensus is now very clear – climate change is one of the biggest threats facing life on our planet.

"This one change would not cost a lot but would have a major effect on the way we implement council policy," Coun Curtis insisted.

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'Origins of Halloween lie in celebration of life not death'

HE festival of treat' began. Samhuinn. now known as Halloween, is an

ancient Druid/Pagan festival, which was celebrated long before Christianity came

into being.It is a celebration of the lives of our ancestors. Young people dressed up and played tricks and housewives rushed to give them food and drink.

This is how 'trick or

To quote from The

Elements of the Druid Tradition:

"At the time of Samhuinn, we can open ourselves to the reality of other worlds, to the reality of the existence of those of our friends who have gone before us, and who are still alive and well, though

not on this earth.
"Children brought up in this tradition will have a warm feeling towards this other reality, rather than being

'My uncle Jack is

never forgotten'

N reply to the letter in The GEM by Olive Farmer of Barry, may I say that my mother's youngest brother,

Jack (aged 19) was killed at Eritrea.

his weeker, no Kenenhorance Day passes without in being in our thoughts.

My grandmother, who lived in Shropshire, got his medals and a card saying where his grave was and that she could visit the cemetery.

to the moon, as Eritrea was somewhere she could

Can I also, for the last time, ask Ann Matthews to solve privately whatever argument she has with

Russell Downe (at Llantwit Major Town Council), because we, the people who vote for them, are fed up to the back teeth with hearing about the constant

'Vet is a thorn

in the side'

sooner we stop wasting public funds on

locking up people whose only crime is

posing awkward questions, the better.

VET'S HARD TIME

Maurice Kirk is being given an unwarrantedly hard time.

WRITE IN!

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items. Please send them to the Editorial Department, The GEM, Graig House, 53 Eastgate, Cowbridge CF71 7EL.

EAR, HEAR! I too think that Flying Vet

Suzon Forscey-Moore, Cambridge (researcher in law)

AURICE KIRK, the Flying Vet,

has long been a thorn in the side

of the establishment, and the

not even picture, never mind visit.

kering in The GEM.

EM Davies.

R Bradshaw,

Cowbridge

The likelihood of that was the same as me flying

has been provoked by the pernicious images of hell, developed by distorted forms of

Christianity."
To read in the Daily Mail, on October 31, that the Vatican would like to direct the meaning of the feast towards "wholesomeness and beauty rather than terror, fear and death," beggars belief when you examine the appalling history of Christianity.

In 1952 a Papal bull, Ad exstirpanda, was ini-

IV, which authorised the use of torture in investigating heresy, bringing terror, fear and death to countless thousands of people during the inquisitions which last-ed hundreds of years.

The Spanish Inquisition had the approval of Pope Sixtus IV, and we must not forget the Cathars of Languedoc, who were wiped out on the orders of the Vatican. Diane Mitchell.

Search for friend

AM trying to contact Mrs Ellen Martin, of Llantwit Major; I have lost her address and telephone number and am desperate to get in contact with her.

Could you please print this appeal in your I never met him as I was not born until 1947; however, no Remembrance Day passes without him Mary Walker, Pontyclun newspaper?

Limit fireworks to one night only

SN'T it time we works. I applaud those celebrated Guy Fawkes night on November 5, not bonfire week?

I love fireworks, but there was a time when this symbolic act meant something and those plays

If you do not see something and those with animals knew when to shut their pets

Now, for about a week, bonfires are lit and with them fire-

DATE

who give time and effort to the community bonfire (much safer I am sure) but far worse for animals with louder bangs and brighter dis-

these advertised, they are run to the whim of the committee and may be any day. Vikey Way,

Time

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16	Mon	07.05	14.3	19.24	14.4
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Woman's 'never-say-die' spirit reunites her family

FROM PAGE 1

But gazing out of the bus, the woman saw a sign that was to change the life of her grandson

"The sign read: Tenants for Tenants, and something made me get off the bus in the hope of getting some advice.

"I hauled my huge, bright yellow Netto carrier bag full of paper-work connected with the entire project up the stairs and met Vicky and Mags. They didn't say much, but I didn't shut up!

For an hour, the woman poured her heart out. "I told them everything, trying to remem-

ber every detail. "At one stage I lost my train of thought and, as I was crying intermittently, lost my voice. At the end, Vicky and Mags suggested in unison that

Member Jane Hutt." That afternoon, the woman hurried along to meet the Vale AM's case

immediately, and sent me to see a young woman from Shelter Cymru Heidi Samuels. who from that day, worked with me to sort out my housing prob-

It was a relief for the woman that at last she was being guided in the right direction after being sent down so many false avenues

"Ófficial bodies both here and abroad had told me that what we were trying to do was impossible. They said I'd have to move to the country my grandson was in and find somewhere to live, and fight for two years through the courts which

Church autumn fair THE parish of St Andrews Major is hold-

ing its autumn fayre on Saturday, November 21, at the Parish and Lee Halls, Britway Road, Dinas Powys.

It will be opened by Father Christmas at 1pm and children can meet him in his grotto. Other activities

include games and face painting.
Stalls include hand-made gifts, cards and Christmas decorations, books and cakes.

Rector of St Andrew Major, Rev D Huw Rhydderch, said that all proceeds for the autumn fayre go to charity. Last year, more than £2,550 was reject.

sands of pounds."
The woman also dealt with international social workers in London who were unable to help worker Sue Bowyer, who listened to her story. in the effort to bring her "She understood grandson to Britain, but

one of them, off the record, gave her a critical piece of advice.
"She said she couldn't

commit anything to paper, but told me that my grandson was entitled to all sorts of free legal representation that the authorities abroad had not made either him. or us, aware of."

That fact, along with the help the woman was receiving in Barry,

turned the tide.
"I had been emailing the head of the children's department abroad for quite a while. The woman I was communicating with would never really commit her-

"She said her hands were tied by bureaucra-cy, but she was sympa-thetic. The woman said if it had been up to her, she'd put my grandson on a plane in an instant. 'Can't you come here?' she asked me more than once, but I had no money!

"Then I emailed her and listed all the forms of legal representation my grandson was entitled to. Within two weeks, he was granted

permission to come to Barry on holiday and we sent him a ticket.

On August 4, 2008 the teenager was reunited with his family in Barry, and in October, he got his British passport.

He now goes to a school in Barry, and has lots of friends and a headmaster who keeps a benevolent eye on him.

The over-joyed grand-mother said: "The headmaster is an incredible individual.

"He has nutured him and been full of encouragement. The staff at the school have made his first year in Barry an overwhelming success.
"I sometimes wonder

where my grandson would be now without Vicki and Mags from Tenants for Tenants: Jane Hutt AM and her staff, Sue Bowyer and Rhona Probert, who kep pointing me in the right direction; Heidi Samuels, who doggedly fought my housing corner for me, and Kim Sewell in Vale social

services "All these women knew exactly what to do no excuses, no buts, no sorry but my hands are

"They just got on with it. My family has been reunited and it didn't cost me a penny!'

Refore

'Sales Assistant of the Year' Annette is off to pick up award at the Dorchester!

A WOMAN from Barry, who works at the Spar store in Rhoose, has won a national award -Sales Assistant of the Year' - and it was her community spirit that helped

her to land the title. Despite working a full week at the shop, Annette Harrison, aged 39, who is married with two children, still finds time to run two youth clubs in the village!

Annette told The GEM: "I found out by letter on October 24 that I'd won and was jump-

ing up and down!
"I'm one of five national winners of a competition conducted by The Grocer and Convenience Store magazines

"I'm going up to an awards ceremony on November 17 to be held at the Dorchester Hotel.

The 'Sales Assistant of the Year' award, in the convenience sector category, has already netted her £500, and she's in line for another one of two other titles -'Top Salesperson' or 'Community Award'

"Of the two, I'd like

TIM CHAPMAN

win the community award because it ties in with my youth work in Rhoose."

Annette won her award after being checked out by a mystery shopper and undergoing a one hour interview with members of the awards committee.

They liked the fact that she took on extra responsibilities in the shop such as dealing with health and safety training the staff, and also got involved with the local community.
"I run two youth clubs

in Rhoose – one at Stewart Road two nights a week for those aged 14 order to understand and over, and another at them," she added.

Celtic Way Community Centre once a week for children of 11 and over

Annette's youth skills helped her to train the staff at the Spar in how to deal with youngsters who were hanging around the store in the evenings, something that impressed the judges.

"Young people will always hang around. We did when we were young. They're at the age when they are too young to go to the pub, and don't feel they have somewhere to go.

"You have to work with young people in



ABOVE: Annette Harrison, who works in the Spar store at Rhoose, is off to London's Dorchester Hotel to pick up a top national award - 'Sales Assistant of the Year'.

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4 - THE GEM Thank you for saying you saw it in The GEM DISABLED YOUNGSTERS n WORK OUT AT CENTRE



ABOVE: Some of the young people with disabilities taking part in a 'sports and play' week at the Colcot Sports Centre.

YOUNG people with disabilities recently enjoyed a 'sports and play' week at the Colcot Sports Centre in Barry.

Organised by the Vale Council's Disability Sport Wales officer Simon Jones, they took part in karate, dodgeball, climbing, volleyball, archery and cricket, under the eye of experienced coaches and volun

On a sunlit day, **Barry remembers** its war heroes

TO the sound of drum rolls and in cool autumn sunshine, Barry's Remembrance Sunday parade got under way from King Square at 10.20am.

Former soldiers and civic dignitaries made the march along Holton Road watched by an accompanying crowd on the pavement.

At the offices of the Vale of Glamorgan Council the parade stopped and wreaths laid at the memorial which commemorates the seamen of Barry and

by TIM CHAPMAN

the Vale who lost their lives during World War One and World War Two

The parade, which was marshalled by Mr Dave Green, then made its way to the Cenotaph at the Memorial Hall.

The Rev Ken Iveson who is the chaplain of the Barry branch of the Royal British Legion, led the outdoor congregation in the Lord's Prayer, and said: "It is a privilege to be here to remember those who died fighting for the jus-tice and freedom of Britain and the Commonwealth."

Mr John Hobbs. branch chairman of the Royal British Legion, who served with 614 squadron in the 1950s based at Llandow, told The GEM: "This year's

turnout was very good.
"I think it is partly as a result of the battles in Afghanistan. People now have a new understanding of what Remembrance Sunday is all about.

"It took me back to "I was also helped ou Jenner Park School in the by the Rev Ken Iveson.

late 30s and early 40s when on Armistice Day the headmaster Garfield Davies marched us down to the First World War memorial.

"It was lovely to see the turnout on Holton Road, and to see fathers carrying their sons – it reminded me of my youth."

There was one minor problem on the day, as Mr Hobbs explained: "We had a hiccup, which was that we were about nine minutes ahead of time for the two minute silence!

"At one stage the church bell rang out, but it is important to do the two minutes silence at the right moment and I have a radio controlled clock which enables me to do it at the exact time.

"During the delay I was able to fill in with John McCrae's poem In Flanders Fields which begins: In Flanders Fields the

ooppies grow Between the crosses,

"The public did not bat an eyelid during the delay and I was very proud of them.
"It is also important at

this time of year to remember that we should look after the families of those who gave their

At the sound of the last post the standards were lowered and silence descended on a Cenotaph bathed in sunlight.

Following the two minutes silence the wreaths were laid on the

Cenotaph steps. Mr Hobbs said: "On behalf of the Barry branch of the Royal British Legion, I would like to say a big thank you to Barry Town Council and its staff who are so helpful to us, not just in November, but throughout the year."

(Please turn to the Glyn Evans' picture page on page 14)

 Barry branch of the Royal British Legion would like to wish two of its members. Gareth Howe and David row on row... Shankland, both currently in hospital, speedy recov Shankland both currently

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NEWS FROM BARRY MEN'S FORUM

Remembering the wartime Bevin Boys

A FORMER Bevin Boy, Alan Jennings, told members of the Forum how, at 17 years of age, he had been selected for service in the Royal Air Force.

He described the shock he felt on receiving call up papers, not from the RAF, but from the Ministry of Labour

These ordered him. not into RAF blue, but into miner's overalls and the shock was unexpect-ed and considerable!

With no choice in the matter, he found himself serving underground as a Bevin Boy until 18 months after the war fin-

Parliament had been warned that only three

weeks stock of coal was knew little about their left in the country and so achievements. approval was given to the conscription, by ballot, of healthy young men to go underground and make a vital contribution there.

Alan painted a vivid picture of the appalling conditions which await-ed him on his first day. The long hours for six days a week, the terrible noise the dust and the poor pay in mines which were still under private ownership. All 48,000 Bevin

Boys were born in 1926 and, despite the huge and essential efforts they made to the war effort, they have had to fight long and hard in recent years to obtain any recognition from a

nation that apparently

substance.

CCTV under the umbrella theft and the other on of the Safer Vale possession of an illegal Partnership, assisted with eight arrests November 8.

It contacted the police on 31 occasions, with one arrest for assault at Thompson Street, Barry, (November 2) and another involving for an outstanding warrant (Dock View Road, November

were made on November intent to supply.

arrests working 5 at Vere Street; one for

A further two arrests were made in the week ending November 6, one concerning possession of an illegal substance (Dunlin Court, Barry) and another for criminal damage (Broad Street).

In addition, two arrests were made on November 8, at Park Crescent. Barry, over possession of There were two arrests an illegal substance with

It is good to know that they are now 'allowed' to march past the Cenotaph on Remembrance Sunday Those who do so should be remembered as the wartime heroes they were, who laboured for their nation in wartime darkness.

Today, November 12, our speaker is Roger Evans, whose talk will be about the 'Great Wall of China'.

Meetings are held every Thursday at 10.30am, For further information, please tele-phone 029 2059 4881. MAC TANNER

Meet the bees! DYFFRYN beekeeper, Barbara Chick, will give Friends of Dyffryn Gardens a short talk on beekeeping at the first members' coffee

morning in the Cory Centre on November 18, at 10.30pm. Barbara Chick, who is a member of the Welsh Beekeepers Association, is the beekeeper at both Dyffryn Gardens and the Museum of Welsh Life.

She will speak on keeping bees and attract-ing them to gardens in general.

general.
Weather permitting, she will walk members around the gardens to identify plants and show how to encourage bees.
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Drag night raises cash for Barry mayor's charities



ABOVE: The Mayor of Barry, Coun Howard Hamilton, and the Mayoress, Mrs Carole Hamilton, held a charity drag night at Barry Rugby Club recently in aid of his charities, Barry **Beavers Swimming** Club and Rhondda Cold Knap Lifeguards. The Mayor and Mayoress expressed their thanks to all who supported the

Axis society's new venture

society launched an online Barry history archive.

The Axis Historical Society's site can be found at <a href="https://www.barry-added:"www.barry-added:"www.barry-added:"Its like having an organization of the future." Sylvia Erison, an organization of the future."

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Martin spokesman and founder member of the society, explained:

Martin Adams, PC. The site is available 24/7 and free to view.

"Local residents can explained:"

extensive local history martinaxis@aol.com."

A LOCAL history collection, made possible has by Axis members and loyal support in Barry and elsewhere.

"We plan to add even more in the future."

online museum for Barry beamed directly to your

explained: contribute their own pho-"To date we have tographs of local historiuploaded around 700 cal interest, should they items-plus from our own wish, by sending them to

NEWS FROM BARRY CAMERA CLUB

First, Silent Fisherman

by Susan Hamer; sec-

ond, Blood Grapefruit

by Mark Lowen; third

Steve Durbin (chair)

closed the meeting and

thanked Brian for his

efforts and comments. Barry Camera Club

meets every Friday at

Porth-Y-Castell, Barry.

Prospective members

The full programme is

http://www.barrycamer-

Millennium Centre,

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door of £1.50.

aclub.org.uk.

on the website at

7.30pm in the St Francis

(joint), Dragonflies

Steve Durbin

Taking a fresh look at life...

Club's October competition was judged by Brian Coleman, a frequent visitor to the

Brian commented that he was particularly impressed with the standard of digital entries – in many clubs these are weaker than printed

He also singled out a number of images as showing a high standard of creativity – photographers "looking at the world differently".

Brian said he had found it difficult to separate the top images, noting that in the end these things have to come down to a judge's personal choice when there are no technical criteria to separate images.

The overall results were: Colour Print – First Storm Approaching by Curtis Fowler: second. Goshawk by Mark Lowen; third (joint), Paris Staircase by Hugh Winnan, P 16 by Steve Durbin.

Monochrome Print First, Watch Your Back by Brian Trego; second, Box Watcher by John Harvey; third, Becky by Mark Lowen.

Backing for Holton Road businesses' concern for future



Jane Hutt AM (on right) outside Big Divas, with Victoria Minchinton, a staff member, and Alana Davies (left) Labour's parliamentary candidate for the Vale.

JANE HUTT, the Vale's AM, announcement made by Dr Brian has met Holton Road business- Gibbons AM, Minister for Social es to discuss their concerns Justice and Local Government, on about their future prospects at the revaluation of the non-domestic rates which will help 64,000 busi-

a time of economic downturn.
"I have raised my concerns with
the Vale Council and Welsh
Assembly Government.
"I was pleased with the recent
"I was pleased with the recent research."
"I have asked for clarification on the beneficial impact for Vale businesses," she added.

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Let Vale people speak! - Plaid councillor appeals to Assembly

THE Vale Council has decided that only Vale councillors can speak at planning committee meetings – and Coun Nic Hodges is taking his fight against this to the Assembly.

Under the present system, local town and community councils cannot address a planning meeting to make any point about a pro-posed development. The same applies to the pub-

Last week, Plaid Cymru's Coun Nic Hodges handed over a petition on third-party speaking rights at plan-ning meetings to the AM's Bethan Jenkins

Coun Hodges has stepped up the campaign after the Vale Council refused to change its policy. At present, 16 out of 22 county councils in Wales do allow these voices to be heard.

Coun Hodges told The GEM: "I received

REPORT by PHILIP IRWIN



overwhelming support from the town and com-munity council representatives at a recent Vale Council liaison meeting, but in spite of this the Tories who run the Vale will not give speaking rights at planning meeting to the public

'I am delighted that councils in the Vale, such as St Athan and Llandough, signed the petition and was pleasantly surprised to see the name of St David's City Council in Pembrokeshire."

Coun Hodges pointed

to the recent planning meeting that approved the St Athan Defence Training College (DTC) as an example.

Neither Llantwit

Major Town Council, nor Llanmaes Community Council was allowed to send a repre sentative, so Coun Gwyn John, a Vale councillor for the area, had to step in. Coun Hodges pointed

to St Athan Community Council, because their local Vale councillor could not speak on the matter on their behalf, because he had had to declare an interest.

The councillor con-

cerned, Coun John Thomas, confirmed to The GEM that this was the case. However, he said that Coun John Clifford had agreed to raise issues on his behalf.

Coun Hodges said: "People keep raising objections saying 'what do we do if too many people want to speak?'

"It isn't a problem in neighbouring boroughs

AM and Val Lloyd AM at the National Assembly. this month, the Petitions

with Bethan Jenkins

Committee will recognise there is a postcode lottery on the right to voice an opinion on planning in Wales."

Planning committee chairman, Coun Jeffrey James, responded: "I am disappointed that Coun Hodges fails to recognise the democratic deci sion of the Vale Council

"There has been a debate at scrutiny committee, which voted against his proposal, a debate at the community liaison committee which voted against, and the cabinet has already made its decision.

"As he has discovered by his survey, each council in Wales does things differently because they each have a choice

'It would seem Coun Hodges wants choice, but only his own."

Breastfriends' go on display in the library



Vale Mayor Coun Emlyn Williams and the Mayoress, were among the visitors to the awareness-raising display.

BREAST Cancer Awareness Month was marked with a special event at **Barry Library.**

Organised by the local ranch of Breastfriends (Cardiff and Vale Breast Cancer Support Group) an awareness-raising display attracted numerous visitors, including the Vale Mayor, Coun Emlyn Williams and the Mayoress, his wife,

He is helping to raise funds for the work of Breastfriends, which was for women and men with breast cancer.

The Barry group meets in the Philip John Room in the County Library on the third Friday of each month at

Nearly 46,000 women are diagnosed with breast cancer each year in the UK.

As the most common ly diagnosed disease, it counts for nearly one in three of all cancers in women and one in nine women in the UK will

set up as a meeting point develop breast cancer at some point in their life-time. Around 300 men are also diagnosed with breast cancer each year.

For further information, see www.breastfriendscandv.org.uk

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such as Bridgend. The chairman simply allo-cates a set time, and tells the various groups to nominate a speaker. This applies to people speaking in opposition or in favour. The developer can speak as well!"

He concluded: "I have spent the last few weeks collecting signa-tures from across the county, including an online Assembly Petition.

"I have now presented the petition to the AMs in the hope they can bring about change in the Vale. I hope that in their discussions later

Autumn not a good time for male bees! NEWS FROM THE FONMON APIARY

AUTUMN is definitely here...The clocks have gone back, leaves are changing colour and falling, and the temperatures are cooler, but still very acceptable.

As a beekeeper, the most significant autumnal indicator for me is the elimination of the drones from the hives

There are no Virgin Queens requiring mating over the winter months and therefore males are not required.

This may seem a little severe, but looking back over the year, it is the worker bees (the females) which literally do all of the work. Drones (male bees) contribute nothing to the hive. They do not collect

nectar or pollen, they have no sting, so cannot help in the defence of the hive, they do not even make wax.

So the ladies of the hive kill them off, these redundant males are not going to be allowed to live and consume the hard won stores that will be needed to see the hive through the winter months.

Queens are still laying eggs, but at a much lower rate.

Winter would normally see the end of egg laying, and consequently no brood.

However, due to the warmer winters of late, there are few months, if any, when brood is not present within the hive.

No male-producing eggs will be laid until spring.

Any bees reared now will be the longest-lived. Little work is required and almost no foraging

serve the life of the queen so that come spring, she (and they) can commence with the re-population of the hive and, of course, carry out their invaluable pollina-

Although treatment for the elimination of the Varroa Mite has been carried out, enough of them survive on the wincluster, and they too will take advantage of the spring upsurge to

along with the bees.

activity will be going on.
The main task of the

tion service.

increase their numbers,

Honeybees are social insects and the transfer of mites from bee to bee

is easily carried out. All hives have guard bees at their entrance, and if returning bees do not have the scent they get short-shrift, and are rejected.
Wasps and other

aliens are dealt with in a similar manner. The exception to this rule is the drone (male bee).

He can gain access to any hive he chooses to visit with impunity.

So, if there are several beekeepers within a given area and hives are not receiving treatment for Varroa, visiting drones which will be carrying mites, will

boost the population of your carefully tended hives very quickly.
Will there ever be a

biological control available to combat the mite? Who knows!

I for one will just have to gird up my loins and hope to keep Fonmon Apiary a viable concern, along with the Apiary that is now being established at Dyffryn Gardens.

No more honey will come from the hives this vear, but come the new season, and providing the bees survive the winter, hope springs eternal and maybe, just maybe both Fonmon and Dyffryn Gardens bee hives will provide a sur-plus of the liquid gold we all love.

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Family pay their tribute to Sully collision victim

been named as Gareth Solomon.

father who died ing a silver Vauxhall tained fatal injuries, and been devastated by this following a road about 8pm on Sully Gemma Solomon, who pray that Gemma's contraffic collision in Road at its junctions was also a passenger in dition continues to traffic collision in Road at its junctions was also a passenger in dition continues to Sully on Sunday, with Swanbridge Road the vehicle, suffered seri- improve with each day

> John elling from the direction of Beach Road at the time of the collision

Test centre loss is 'disgusting'

READ in last week's GEM about the closure of the test centre in Barry, which I think is disgusting and does not take into consideration the needs of local residents, particularly those of us on low incomes.

I was able to pass my test quite recently at the Barry centre, but had I failed and been forced to Barry

do a retest at Cardiff, I could not afford it.

My instructor believes that in the future it will cost £45-plus per twohour lesson

I'm disabled and in my 50s; learning to drive for me was a way of improving my chances of getting employment, but there is no way I would have been able to pay for two-hour lessons

I think that surely this is a form of discrimina-

Philip Jones,

Youths are given final warnings

FOLLOWING reports that cars had been damaged in Market Street, Barry on October 27, police traced and arrested three vouths.

The three, aged between 12 and 14, were given

final warnings.

Barry Neighbourhood Inspector Louise Davies said: "Police would urge any member of the public who witnesses such an incident to come forward. We will always investigate fully any such offences.

November 1, has Cog Road. ous injuries. She remains that passes."

The vehicle was travin a critical, but stable The 22-ye

condition in hospital. Gareth's family, who are being supported by a police family liaison pending further further officer, have released the following tribute to Gareth.

It states: "Gareth was a won-

derful son, brother and father, who adored his little girls. "He was always a joker, and was such a

loving boy and everyone

thought the world of

The 22-year-old male driver of the vehicle was arrested and has been pending enquiries

Officers are appealing for witnesses to the collision, or anyone who may have witnessed the vehicle being driven prior to the collision, to contact them on 101 or Crime Stoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111

Children at risk on road to school

T was with some concern that I saw the crossing being erected on Colcot -Road.

Did the Vale highways lose their sense of direction? The need for a crossing is, and always has been, near to the Colcot Sports Centre!

Boys trying to cross the road from the Colcot area to Barry Comprehensive School, risk life and limb to get to school, dodging cars from multiple

My heart is always in my mouth when I see them. On Saturdays, there are the footballers, also dicing with death!

Please do something before a child is killed. Sharon Garland, Barry

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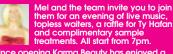


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NEWS FROM PENARTH AND DISTRICT RAMBLERS

Strolling through historic landmarks in rural Vale

joined their leader Rachel, and travelled down to Boverton for a walk in the Vale of Glamorgan.

In reasonable weath-er, they set off from Boverton Place, built by Roger Seys, who was Attorney General for Wales during the

He married Elizabeth Voss, who was the heiress of Boverton and he built this large Tudor ditions, vessels that house on some of the inherited land.

The garden is believed to hold the largest ivy bush in

Wales.
Following the lane, they passed Boverton Mill Farm with its fine barn conversions, and made their way along the footpath to reach the coast at Summerhouse Point.

The Seys family were responsible for building the Summerhouse in an octagonal shape within an enclosure during the 1730s and it had splenSurrounding the Summerhouse lie the remnants of an Iron Age fort that dates back to 700BC-100AD.

The group stopped for coffee on the picnic building.

It is not manned continually, but when it is open, visitors are very welcome to look inside the building and learn about the weather conpass up and down the channel, the cliff for-mations and local bird life, flora and fauna.

Refreshed, the group joined the coastal footpath and walking in a westerly direction along the cliff top, made their way to Llantwit beach.

Once the port of Col-huw stood there which dated back to the 5th century when boats crossed the Bristol Channel to Somerset and Devon on the

English coastline.
This active port was destroyed by fierce storms in the 16th cendid views out across the tury and was never

rebuilt. The group walked up through Cwm Col-huw and upon reaching the road, passed through a residential area, following a footpath that led them along part of the

tables at the Seawatch Centre, which is a converted HM Coastguard

Following the lane beside the school, they passed through a housing estate and reached the cemetery, after which a short distance later they crossed the brook and made their way back to Boverton Place

Valeways Heritage

Trail.

On November 14, meet at 9am at Cogan Leisure Centre for a seven-mile moderate walk at Blorenge and Keeper's Pond; contact Val H on 029 2051 3274

meet at 9am at Cogan for a 10-mile mod/hard walk at St Briavels and Bigsweir (please note there are two short hard climbs towards the end) contact Nick on 01446 420540.

Wear suitable clothing, preferably boots and carry waterproofs, food and drinks. Some degree of fitness is required and if you are in any doubt, then please contact the walk leader for advice

For other groups' walks log onto www.ramblers.org.uk

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STRANGWARD

AM's concerns over airport redundancies

ANDREW RT DAVIES, Welsh Conservative AM for South Wales Central, has expressed concern for the future of Cardiff Airport, following the news of 158 job losses across the UK arm of bmibaby, some of which will be Cardiff-based.

Mr Davies told The GEM: "This is a very worrying development, especially when you consider the considerable and diverse range of routes offered by

bmibaby from Cardiff Airport.

"Cardiff Airport already faces considerable competition from Bristol and other regional airports and this news further damages Wales' reputation as a contemporary tourist destination."

He added: "The news of these job losses is not only devastating for the staff themselves, but damaging in terms of the future of Cardiff Airport as a regional hub.

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Let the (Guiding) celebrations begin!

Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, senior section, Trefoil Guild and adult volunteers joined in the fun as the Guiding movement in the Vale started their yearlong celebrations to commemorate their centenary.

There was a lively launch party at Barry Boys Comprehensive School when the girls engaged in an energetic disco but also enjoyed traditional party games like pass the parcel.

Great fun was also to be had on two bouncy young girls approached castles and cowgirl skills Sir Robert Baden Powell involved activities

A chill-out area gave the girls the chance to enjoy a quiet period for a chat, a drink and a snack with friends as the air around them filled with bubbles from a bubble machine.

The VIP visitor was Mrs Fran Mitchell, president of Girlguiding's Vale of Glamorgan district and she judged the colouring competition which she said was a difficult task as standards were so high.

The girls also watched a DVD on a large screen telling the story of the movement. They saw how a group of brave

Crystal Palace in 1909 and asked for "something for the girls." He duly obliged and the movement was formed

Everyone sang Happy Birthday to Girl Guiding as Liz Fryer, Guider for St Athan, who was a guide when the movement celebrated its 50th birthday, blew out the candles on two enormous birthday cakes.

The centenary celebrations will run until October 2010 and the year will be full of opportunities for girls from all sections of the movement to get involved in a range of

Now, Roger is retiring after a career that has taken him to Swinging London in the 1960s, Iran, the Labrador coast of Canada – and every single ambulance station in Wales.

Ambulance Service

Dinas Powys who

first moon landing

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team that ensured the

onto the lunar surface

were beamed to every

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Back in 1969, Roger (65), was a young radio engineer on secondment as a military adviser to a missile early warning base on the wild Labrador coast.

He was one of 20,000 by the US government to make sure the live pic-tures of the moon landing went round the world.

"I was actually on shift as Neil Armstrong

the moon to Llanfyllin! stepped down the ladder onto the moon," he said. "It was one of the high-lights of my life." radio engineer from

Somerset-born Roger's career with the US forces had included a spell on an Air Force base in Iran, as well as a couple of years in Labrador tracking Soviet activity at the height of the Cold War. "The most worrying In 1969, Roger Mugford was part of the

was in 1968 when Russia invaded Czechoslovakia and we had military airplanes fully armed in the air we nearly went to war that year.

Before that, Roger had begun his working life with EMI: "We called it the Easy Money Institute – they signed up the Beatles in the 1960s and used to make big profits from record " he explained.

In 1976, he joined the ambulance service in Wales and if he was one of 20,000 for the moon landings, he holds a unique place in the Welsh Ambulance Service.
"I'm the only person

to have been to every ambulance station in Wales - in fact, I've had a cup of tea in every

"I'm the only one and it took me 27 years. The last one I got to was Llanfyllin. I was the first and only radio engineer to work with the service and there'll never be

He explained: "I was

basement which is a large room, perhaps a

doing my daily check of the building at Church

Village when I noticed there was flooding of the

100ft by 60ft. "Hundreds of gallons of

water had poured in and it was continuing to pour

in from a pipe – the weight of water was just forcing its way through.

"I just jammed things

into the pipe to stop the flow and set about it

with a mop and bucket and others joined me. "The floor was flooded to a depth of four or five

inches over dangerous live electricity cables

and there was water

sloshing around, but

people just turned up

wasn't just me.

and helped clear up, it

"If the electricity had gone, the control room

would have shut down

and it would have taken tens of hours, days, to

get it back up again and

another one. It's all done differently now.

Roger over and out, after

career that took him from

Roger was responsible for designing the service's radio systems and that's what took him around the country. He said: "There are

probably a lot of ambulance drivers around Wales who are sad I'm going because when they had radio problems, I'm the one who they used to

phone up to fix things." Last year, quickthinking Roger baled out the Ambulance Service when flooding posed a major threat to their former control room at Church Village, near Pontypridd.

He went from hi-tech to low-tech as he organ-ised mops and buckets as water poured into the basement of the old South East Region control room. That earned him a Welsh Ambulance Service regional employ-ee award for south East Roger Mugford, left, pictured with regional director of Ambulance Services for South East Wales, Grant Gordon.

could have put lives at risk."
The South Wales Fire

and Rescue came to help out but their large bore pump was too big to get under the cabling so it took a bit more ambu-lance service ingenuity to overcome the prob-

"One of my colleagues, Roger Jenkins, went out and bought a water pump from the local garden centre and

we used that.
"I suppose between us all we saved the day, because all the electrical equipment would have been shut down for the first time in 11 years," he added.

With time on his hands, Roger and his wife, Judith, hope next year to visit the USA to catch up with some of his old GI buddies from his days working for Uncle Sam and he said: "I've been lucky to do radio as a hobby and people have paid me for

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Catering students raise £200 for cancer charity



BARRY College hospitality and catering learners (pictured above) have raised more than £200 for charity at a special coffee morning for Macmillan Cancer Support.

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'DON'T MISS OUT THE GEM!' ASSEMBLY URGED

CONSERVATIVE AMS Alun Cairns and Andrew RT Davies have welcomed news that the Welsh Assembly Government is to review the way in which it advertises in Wales.

The Vale-based regional AMs had pressed the WAG to advertise in the most appropriate newspaper and websites in each area and according to its target audience.

"The newspaper industry has changed considerably

over recent years and advertising policy should reflect that. The most appropriate outlets should be used, including free newspapers and the internet.

"Although The Glamorgan GEM is a free newspaper, it carries a high percentage of news and editorial," he pointed out.

"The committee recognised that some adverts were not hitting its target audience and newspapers, including The GEM, were

over recent years and advertising policy should reflect added.

> Evidence to the committee was also given by a senior manager from the Tindle Group, which owns The GEM, and his evidence was supported by Mr Cairns.

Andrew RT Davies added:
"I am pleased that this
review is taking place and I
will continue to urge the
Welsh Assembly Government
to adopt the most appropriate outlets for things like
legal notices."

ProAct (and rest of the team) are helping to pull Welsh economy out of recession

S we approach the ninth economic summit involving the business community with their trade partners, the banks and local government, we continue to pull together to help lead Wales out of the recession.

of the recession.

The strength of 'Team Wales' has proved itself over the past year since the First Minister, Rhodri Morgan AM announced that he would be chairing a series of summits to ensure that government was intervening effectively, guided and advised by our partners in business, engaging with government at all levels, including the Secretary of State for Wales, to ensure that all our levers were in place to help employers and their workforces through the

economic downturn.
This has put the spotlight on my department,
with our responsibility
for education and skills,
leading to the early
development of a pioneering new scheme
called ProAct announced
last December and up
and running by January

This has been geared up to support around 12,000 individuals in workplaces, where employers have developed approved training plans backed by a wage subsidy as they seek to upskill their employees through shorter working weeks and a downturn in business.

ProAct is an innovative 'Made in Wales' programme, supported by a £48m budget attracting European funding across Wales. The First Minister has

The First Minister has described the delivery of this programme in this way: "I have never come across a scheme that had gone from being an idea thrown across the table at a summit meeting, to being implemented... in the space of about 2 months. For a peacetime bureaucracy in work - that showed an extraordinary level of agility and commitment on the part of our officials in devising the

scheme."

By last week, applications had been received from 336 companies for support from ProAct; 173 training applications had been approved for 144 companies and a total of 7287 individuals supported through these applications.

Already, nearly £19.2m has been committed to companies and training providers including further education colleges across the whole of Wales – and the support is going to businesses of all sizes from as few as two employees to 1,500-employee strength.

This also includes companies who have accessed ProAct funding to support apprentices. In fact, 188 apprentices are now being supported via ProAct.

In the Vale of Glamorgan, we are supporting apprentices at Dow Corning, as well as supporting other Vale companies with our new pathways to apprenticeship scheme, young recruits and shared

apprenticeships.
I recently visited two companies in the Vale

who have received ProAct funding and was impressed with their enthusiasm and support for the Welsh Assembly Government scheme, which was recently commended in the New York Times and has been regularly praised in UK press and broadcast items. Symons Madge training

Madge training and business development consultants, based in Cowbridge but working all over the UK, told me how their staff had benefited from the upskilling opportunities funded through the scheme.

Talking to the directors, Peter Symmons and Bryan Madge, who lead this company which provides training in the civil engineering industry, I could see how ProAct was meeting their business and skills needs, paving the way for the uplift in the economy providing new skills and opportunities for their administrative workforce.

force.

I was also pleased to hear that they were responsible for the 'year in industry' contracts with Cardiff and Swansea universities, as well as their developing interest in training in the renewable energy fields.

Visiting the
Corinthian Stonemasons
at the Stoneyard in
Atlantic Crescent by No
2 Dock in Barry, opened
up for me an understanding of the skills and
craftmanship in the heritage and stonemasonry
industry where training
opportunities via ProAct
have provided an important boost to the

Company.

I met with Drew
Griffiths and Andy
Armstrong who have
developed and manage
this company with a
highly skilled workforce
for this part of Wales,

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ASSEMBLY

by Jane Hutt AM (Minister for Children, Education, Lifelong Learning and Skills)

resulting in contracts far and wide – from small local developments, to large-scale regeneration and heritage schemes.

ProAct funding will help upskill the company to enable them to become trainers themselves which will be a huge plus for the stonemasonry workforce.

It was great to meet such a motivated team, including a UK skills champion – Robert Tinsley – one of the Corinthian team.

It is important that we promote the PRoAct scheme in the Vale of Glamorgan, Wales and beyond. It has helped businesses through the recession. Some have already withdrawn because business is up again, others have gained new higher level skills. It is widely admired across the world.

As we take stock at our 9th economic summit on December 3 in Aberystwyth, we will be looking forward to 2010, to ensure that government does listen to business and their employees; that we do intervene with skills development programmes like ProAct, but also with our leadership and management skills programmes, advised by our Wales Employment and Skills Board, chaired by Sir Adrian Webb, and all our partners in Team Wales.

'Excuse me, you have a bird stuck on your van'

A COWBRIDGE man was driving through the town recently in his Citroen van and was delighted to see people waving at him – but the waves were more of a warning than a friendly acknowledgement!

Mr Chris Jones, who owns local company Approved Property Maintenance, explained: "As people were waving at me I thought: 'I'm very popular today. It wasn't until I got to the VIP dental clinic, where I was

going to carry out some repairs, that the lady in the Gallery Bistro pointed out that I had a pigeon stuck in my radiator grill!

"I tried to get it out but failed. I'm six feet tall and 18 stone and my hands were a bit too big!



"As people were waving at me I thought: 'I'm very popular today. It wasn't ABOVE: The pigeon stuck in the grill of a Citroen van – but it soon recovered.

"I then drove to the vet's clinic in Arther John's yard and they removed it. "When I left it was fine, and the vet's practice said they would contact the owner as the bird was ringed."

Mr Jones added: "I can only assume that as I was driving along it had flown straight into the grill."

ARTIST'S EXHIBITION

A NEW exhibition by popular Welsh artist, Aneurin Jones, at Penarth's Washington Gallery, was launched on November 8, by

broadcaster Beti George. It will be visited by another Heritage Minister, Alun Ffred

Jones AM.

The exhibition, entitled 'Recent Work' focuses on the places where the people of the Welsh countryside congregate, in the marts, agricultural shows and

sheepdog trials.

Local children from both Welsh and Englishmedium schools will be visiting the exhibition with other special guests, such as harpist Kathryn Rees-Peak who also teaches harp workshops at the gallery.

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CHRISTMAS FAIR

LLANTWIT MAJOR Rainbows, Brownies and Guides are holding their annual Christmas fair, at the Llantonian Hall, on Saturday, November 14, between 10am-12pm.

"Come and join us for tea/coffee and mince pie and a browse around the stalls. Why not visit Santa in his grotto or decorate biscuits? Admission £1.50 for adults; children admitted free," a spokesperson said.



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FATHER AND SON TEAM AIM TO BRING A VILLAGE PUB BACK TO ITS ROO

VER the last houses. 20 years, the public has changed the way it looks at public

The advance of the huge City of Londonbased conglomerates – each of which owns hundreds of pubs - has



made them lose their aura of being a part of the local community.
The very phrase 'tied

house' smacks of lack of choice - something that matters to any consumer. On top of that,

rumours of high rents being charged by fat cats in the City led to customers feeling that they

were being ripped off.

It was because of that background that the father and son team of Arthur and Liam O'Leary decided that

LEFT: Arthur O'Leary is bringing 27 years of experience to the Cross Inn



ABOVE:

Head waitress Anne with some of the restarant's wine selection.

by PHILIP IRWIN

they would only take on Cowbridge's Cross Inn if they could buy it outright from Punch Taverns and operate it as a free

Arthur and Liam were, after all, only putting into practice what they had learned over 27 vears of running the Glenbrook Inn in Barry a pub they continue to

keep.
Arthur feels strongly that the iron grip of the conglomerates has limited the options of land-lords – and that it has been a major factor in the number of pubs that have closed in recent years. At its worst it was running at 50 each week. So, Arthur and Liam

believe strongly that there is a bright future for the village pub – especially if the landlord listens to the customers and that is exactly what they have done over the last three months since they took possession of the inn.

They gave themselves three months to complete a refurbishment, but they went into it with open minds. Arthur told The GEM: "When we looked at the bar, the obvious thing to do was put down a new carpet etc. but the locals said they really liked a cosy bar where they could drop in while out walking the

dog!"
The result is a "dogfriendly" bar with a hardwood floor – and it even has hooks where

vou can tie up Fido! It's a genuine freehouse too, with the stan-dard beers (Hancock's Home Brew and Wye Valley HPA) at £2.50 a pint - and the promise of

regular guest ales.

The O'Leary's know their ciders and lagers too, and Arthur speaks highly of their Italian Peroni, and, from the west country, Stowford Press Traditional Draught.

However, the refurbishment is far more obvious in the dining area, where an extensive and versatile menu will be available in very smart surroundings, seven days a week – courtesy of head chef Darren Wilkins, who has 22 years experience, with The Angel Hotel in Cardiff, the Wales Millennium Centre and also the Copthorne, on his CV.

Again, the team has listened closely to their potential customers in putting together the Cross Inn's menu.

This area of the pub. where Liam and Arthur will be welcoming diners, has been given an impressive look, and it seats a good number of diners without anyone feeling squeezed in.

Darren is responsible for the menu, and he describes his cooking as home-made traditional, with elements of French cuisine – but the accent will always be on local, fresh and in season

As a result, the chef's specials will change regularly, but there will always be a two-course menu at £9.95 (and a three-course at £12.95) Monday to Friday, 12 noon to 2.30pm, and 5.30pm to 7pm, featuring home-made pies, beerbattered cod, braised belly pork and pan-fried easant.. There will also be a

full a la carte menu, and that will be on offer until 9pm weekdays, and on Saturday (12 noon to 9.30pm). A typical menu choice was this one that I found very tempting - a lobster and crab risotto with wilted greens and mascarpone.

A range of Sunday roasts (12 noon to 3.30pm) are also going very well in the short period since they were introduced.

There is also a very tempting Christmas party menu that has been put together for December – and an extra special dining experience is prom-

ised for Christmas Day! With fine dining, of course, comes wine, and Arthur is fond of the description 'From around the world and from across the road' – because in addition to a fine mix of wines from all the chief wine-growing countries, the Cross Inn will be featuring wines from the Glyndwr Vineyard – and it is hard

to get closer than that! The 27 years of experience in the Glenbrook is one thing that they bring to the pub. On top of that,

Passmores

they are experienced out-side caterers, with extensive experience of weddings, birthdays and Christenings - with a

great deal of advice to offer as well.

So, things are changing at the Cross Inn - and definitely for the better!



ABOVE: Head chef Darren Wilkins.

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Llangan Community Council

Unfortunately, I was unable to attend the council November meeting, so I hope readers of my column will understand I am unable to give a full account of the meeting.

Treoes Community Centre AN application has been made to the Vale

Council for a grant for work to be carried out at the hall. This will be done following a surveyor's report.

I understand the damaged waste pipe from the hall, which encroached onto the children's play area, has now been repaired.

Planning PERMISSION proposed for single-storey extension, to house disabled toilet at Llangan and St Mary Hill community hall.

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An application has

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House yard, Tresaeson House, St Mary Hill, for

a detached dwelling to

replace existing ware-

Ruthin Chapel

IT seems very little progress is being made regarding the future of Ruthin Chapel.

The only thing that has

happened over the past few weeks, is some larger

been made to Vale



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cutting. Some concern was expressed by Coun L Vafidis about the possible flooding at Twchwyn Garth, which is situated

lower end of Llangan. After several hours of heavy rain, there is often a build-up of water.

near the bridge at the

If the area under the bridge is blocked with mud and leaves, the water will find its way into Twchuyn Garth, invading homes - which occurred some months

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areas of the roof are now visible, owing to the apparent removal of the ivy which covered the

Tennis courts
I UNDERSTAND the Llangan Community Council is still waiting for approval for the former tennis court at Treoes to be converted into allotments.

applications for the allotted spaces. As suggested by Coun J Vafidis, access to the area needs serious consideration. My own view is that there is very

There are potholes everywhere. Last week, a There are a number of limited parking space

close to the proposed

Lane flooding THE problem of flooding in Elasto Lane, Llangan, continues whenever there are a few hours of heavy rain; in fact, the whole area in and around Llangan is in dire need

of a complete overhaul.

local retired couple in Llangan were forced to walk in the centre of the road, because of the thick mud left behind by a tractor involved in hedge

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THE Tondu and District Society will hold its winter exhibition at the Len Evans Aberkenfig (near Bridgend) November 14-17, daily.

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NEWS FROM THE PENARTH COMPUTER CLUB

Everybody can make mistakes – but it's how you correct them that matters!

EVERYBODY makes mistakes: they are bound to happen. It is what you do about a mistake that counts. What is needed is to minimise the impact and to get back on track quickly.

Anyone owning a computer using Microsoft's Windows operating system will be aware that a new version, Windows 7, was launched on October 22. They will also be aware that this is Microsoft's response to the mistakes they made when they issued the previous ver-sion, Windows Vista. Yes, there are people

who are quite happy with Vista, but they are outnumbered by those who were disappointed with it because they

expected a better product after all the hype. The general view is that Microsoft didn't listen to their customers, or thought that they knew

what the customer want-ed better than the cus-being installed on a new ed better than the customer did. This was in spite of Vista being a major change for the

Users were irritated by new features that got in the way of their work. They complained – loud-ly. The result was that many people stayed with XP and some who bought Vista went back to XP.
Will Windows 7 make

the customer happy again? Chris came to give members of the computer club a taste of the system and his per-sonal opinions about it. He has been using the pre-release version for some time and is familiar with the changes everyone will notice.

He explained the versions of Windows from Windows 3.1 through the dated or named versions of Windows 95; 98; 2000; ME; XP and Vista to arrive at

Windows 7. The new system can be loaded as an upgrade from Vista or as a "clean

Incinerator group's meeting THE next meeting of the Docks Incineration Action Group will be on Tuesday, November 17, at 7.30pm, in the Castle Hotel, Jewel Street,

machine).
Either way, the new

system will eliminate a lot of the hassle previously associated with a major install. Those still using XP must do a clean install and that means making sure that all data is properly backed up and that installation discs for all other programmes to be installed are to hand.

Don't forget emails and settings that you might not normally back

up.

There are programmes available for making full copies of your computer onto external drives, just in case. Many people take the opportunity to have a clear-out; just as if they were moving house. The installation

process does not over-load a machine with all the features that are available. Instead, the additional bits can be downloaded free by any licensed user who wants them. This eliminates unwanted programmes cluttering millions of computers.

The system also has built-in ability for home networking, recognising that many homes own several computers. The installation process will pick up the local networks and ask which one(s) it should become part of.

Chris then demonstrated the nice bits about the new system. showing the improved Task Bar features and how the system has been sensibly designed to help the user to do what he wants to do.

The Jump Lists make life much easier if you like to work with several windows open at once and Peek makes the window you want next easier to find.

The UAC (User Account Control) that caused so much annovance has been improved to give degrees of use to suit the user. The start-up is faster so you will not have to make a cup of tea so often, and security has been improved in several ways.

Opinion so far is in favour of the new sys-tem and as Windows XP is no longer supported, change will have to come eventually. Those who are happy with what they presently use will put off the change

Others will wait a few months to let any teething troubles be resolved, but the testing has been lengthy and the problems should be few, so it could be some time before a service pack is needed.

The compatibility problems experienced with Vista will not recur because the underlying system is the same. That means that any applica-tion that runs on Vista will readily run on Windows 7. So the short answer is

'Go for it'.

Most people will find the Home Premium version enough (£60 to £100). Those who simply must be able to work in XP for some applica-tions can buy the profes-sional version (£140 to £150) and there is an Ultimate version (from £160) if you need 35 languages and extra encryption called Bitlocker. Costs can var considerably so it is worth shopping around.

Visitors and new members are welcome. For more information, telephone 029 2070

HOWARD DESMOND (Chairman)

Youth Forum to put on a festive 'Circus Bersercus'



ABOVE: Charlotte, Chloe, Georgia, Marcus, Phoebe and Hilary Farr (Nite Out Scheme co-ordinator).

THE Gibbonsdown and Court Youth Forum met last week to discuss organising the Young Promoters 'Nite Out' scheme – where young people get together and organise putting on a professional show in their local community.

The show is called 'Circus Bersercus' and will be shown in the HUB on December 16 at

Hilary Farr from the scheme, and Communities First staff, will be working with the

group leading up to the

event, and the young sters will arrange all the marketing and promotion for the show, including arranging posters, catering for the evening and hosting the show on

the night.
Tickets for the event

will be available from the Communities First office from November 12 on 01446 732406.

> Sharon Topazio (Communities First Co-ordinator)

Osteoporosis support group THE National Osteoporosis Society's Barry support group meets today (Thursday, November 12), at 7pm in Highlight Park Community Centre in Barry.

Dr Jane Turton and Sister Roz Broadbent from the Bone Research Unit at Llandough Hospital will host an informal discussion about Osteoporosis treatments, and will be available to answer ques-

To find out more, telephone Gwyneth Thomas on 02920 892140.

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BE KIND TO THE ANIMALS

to the letter from Mr Peter Thomas which was given such prominence in The GEM on November 5.

Alana Davies was on solid ground regarding the support of the "overwhelming majority of the British public". For many years, poll after poll has consistently shown that at least 75 per cent of those living

AM responding in towns and the countryside are against the perverted practice of killing animals for fun.

Her clearly stated views will also place her on solid ground, come the next election.

I have nothing against the countryside or the people who live there. I and the majority of the British people simply require them to be kind to the animals that also live there.

Nick Canever, Ogmore-by-Sea

Cosy nests for sparrows

OR some years, I have had on my bookshelf, for reference, Rob Hume's Birds of Britain and Europe, from which I gather that housesparrows often take over the old nests of house-martins.

In my view, the house-martins' nests available from garden

wildlife handbooks look much nicer, and more comfortable, than nest-

ing boxes.
They cost about £20 a pair (sparrows prefer to nest in a group) and, if anything, enhance the appearance of a house.

So, let's have more sparrows, which at present are declining in numbers! But try and keep vour lawn! Heather Montgomery,

Llantwit Major Car trade-off? F I trade in my 17-year-old 70,000-mile banger for a £2,000 discount off a new car, virtually any new car will lose more

Why would I want to do that? Why not buy the almost new car from someone who has done so?

than that as soon as I drive it away.

RH Bradshaw, Cowbridge

THE COLUMN YOU WRITE

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SEED OF DOUBT OVER **WOMEN-ONLY LISTS**

N my response to Alana Davies' article in The **GEM** on all-women short lists, I would like to say that I totally agree that our elected bodies should be more representative of society as a whole.

It is a travesty that only 20 per cent of our MPs are women: however, the introduction of all-women short lists will do very little to encourage more women to come forward for selection and merely elevate those women who are already engaged in the political process.

The fact of the matter is that over twice as many men apply to be candidates as women. There are many more men on the approved list of candidates and it is not particularly surprising, therefore, that more

men are being selected.

The fact of the matter is that associations are adopting women in

rough proportion to the number of women on the candidates' list. I don't believe that associations on their gender.

On many occasions, all-women shortlists may have a pre-disposition for selecting men over women - they are mere-ly interested in selecting the best candidate from

those who apply.

It is not right that men should be barred from standing if they are the best candidate. It would be unfair and unmeritocratic for associations to be denied the right to

choose a candidate based

mean that the best candidate is chosen. However, there will always be a seed of doubt if 49 per cent of the population are excluded from the

process.

This is not fair on the winning candidate as associations may wrong-ly come to the conclusion that the candidate is

Alana Davies calls the introduction of allview, discrimination in any guise can never be described as positive. Instead of imposing discriminatory measures, we should be reaching

women shortlists a 'posi-tive' measure. In my

out to people who haven't considered being candidates before.

Alex Williams (Chairman, Ogmore Conservative

Cancer Research UK charity thanks food festival crowds

THE Cowbridge committee of Cancar Research

November 24, at 10.30am-noon at Lesser Hall, Cowbridge. There will be tee of Cancer Research UK Cymru would like to thank the people of

Cowbridge and many visitors to the town who have supported our eents and collections during the last year.

Our recent collection over the Food and Drink Festival weekend raised £875. In October, customers at Tesco Talbot Green and Culverhouse Cross contributed a magnificent £1,650. Our next event is the annual

Christmas coffee morning on Tuesday,

a cake stall, Christmas goods for sale, tombola, bric-a-brac, book stall and a

Tickets £2.50, including refreshments, may be obtained from committee members, or by telephone numbers 01446 774062, 01446 773072.

Get in the Christmas mood and join

Though it's a little early, our best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to our supporters.

Fran Davies
(On behalf of Cowbridge committee
Cancer Research UK Cymru

Making votes count for armed forces family

THOUGHT your readers might like to know that there is an easy way in which they can ensure that those standing as candidates at the next general election do their bit for the whole Armed Forces family.

The Royal British Legion has published its own general election manifesto outlining what Legion

it wants the next government to do to help Service personnel and their families,bereaved armed forces families and the ex-Service com-

The campaign calls can be viewed at w.timetodoyourbit.org.uk or a hard copy of the manifesto can be obtained by calling 01304 205 900

TC O'Sullivan MBE Llantwit Major Branch The Royal British

Remember Marie Curie nurses

AM writing to to consider remembering Marie Curie Cancer Care in their wills.

Gifts in wills are vital to the charity – they fund one in three Marie Curie Nurses like me, who care for terminally ill people in their own homes at the end of their

It may surprise readers to discover that you do not need to leave an enormous amount to make a real difference to patients – £20 helps fund an hour of free home nursing care for someone

with a terminal illness. ask your readers You could leave a small one-off cash gift, or a share of your estate to the charity.

A gift in your will is also a tax-efficient way of giving, as the charity will not have to pay any inheritance tax on your donation. To find out more, please visit www.mariecurie.org.uk/l egacies, or call 0800 716

146. Your support will help Marie Curie Nurses reach more patients who wish to spend their final days at home, surrounded by their loved ones. **Deborah Morgan** (Marie Curie nurse)



ON A SUNLIT DAY THE TOWN OF BAR IBUTE AT THE CENOTA

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY has, due to current conflicts, brought a new realisation of why it is important to remember those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for their country.

The parade from King Square was accompanied by people on the pavements of Holton Road all the way to the Cenotaph, where, at 11am, silence fell for two minutes.

(For a full report please turn to page 4).

PHOTOGRAPHS by GLYN EVANS

Other pictures are available from this event.

Pictures can be purchased by contacting: e-mail glynevans01@tiscali.co.uk telephone 01446 773225. *Now open in the Wool Barn, Verity's Court, Cowbridge.













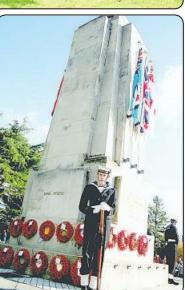






Member of the *Barry* branch of the Royal British Legion, Jack Walker, with his daughter Linda Stokes.





HE MEN WHO STARE AT GOATS ARE LACKING IN FOCUS

some things in life that are surprisingly true - no matter how ludicrous - the act of tipping in Iceland being considered an insult for jected by those in one, or the fact that work out. terrible twins John It is undeniably funny, there is no doubt and Edward are

still competing in The X Factor.
Yet Hollywood seems to be the natural place for these strange tales to end up (though in the latter case let's hope not), and *The Men Who Stare at Goats* certainly to them.

fits that bill Based on the book by Jon Ronson, the film tells of Bob Wilton (Ewan McGregor), a reporter whose journalistic instinct kicks in when he meets Lyn chic agent. Playing it deadly Cassady (George Clooney) in Kuwait a special forces agent who claims to be a former

member of a unit that employed mind powers in the field.

The pair travel to Iraq, and Lyn tells Bob all about his story, but as the pair wind up on a supposed mission, they end up meeting another psychic soldier who isn't using his abilities

as intended... Giving the state of conflict the world finds

itself in at present, it's no surprise that films concerning the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan are making their way to cin-ema screens. Similarly, given the intense scrutiny placed on these wars

by the media, it isn't surprising that filmgoers are not being particularly moved by these

efforts.

The Men Who Stare at Goats is a film with this conundrum – how can a film be made on the nature of war while trying to ensure an audience for it. Well, cerferent viewing experience from, say, Lions For Lambs or In The Valley of Elah; but ultimately, no matter how much it wants to take swipes at the nature of war and the apparent careless attitudes propower, it doesn't quite

about that, taking what is on the surface a ludicrous yet true story and having a lot of fun with it, and the comedy bene-fits from a skilled cast who do a decent job with the material given

Given his political leanings, it's hardly a surprise to see George Clooney on duty here, but he delivers a delightfully enjoyable turn as the former psy-

straight, Clooney's turn is superb, bringing to mind his work in the likes of O Brother, Where Art Thou, giving Cassady an ethereal yet bumbling and goofy presence that befits the comedy.

Opposite him, Ewan McGregor provides a sound foil for Clooney in a role that feels a touch underwritten and only there to help move the story along – even though the story comes from his character's point of view, McGregor feels a touch too peripheral.

However, Cassady's constant references to his character having 'something of the Jedi' about him is a neat little in joke, and the actor handles the character's slow immersion into this strange world with a degree of aplomb.

Given the strength of the remainder of the cast, there is hardly a foot put wrong; Jeff Bridges is, as ever, qui-etly brilliant as the army tainly its offbeat stylings colonel who believes make it a somewhat dif- that the only way to

fight the enemy is with flowers, peace and love. While it's more or less The Dude with added SCREEN **TALK** hippy philosophies,

Bridges gives the sup-

Meanwhile, Kevin

Spacey delivers a mis-

chievous little turn as a

The screenplay from Peter Straughan makes

a good fist of grounding

such an absurd premise

(and takes a few liber-

ties with how events

actually panned out), but doesn't shy away from highlighting the

ludicrousness, instead revelling in the slightly

daft tone the films plays

in.
What is lacking,
though, is any real bite
to the film, its satirical
aims not quite landing,

and though setting itself up as a film that aims to

he relevant almost shies

Grant Heslov's first major directorial outing

is handled well, bring-

ing a smooth yet idio-

film and giving it a nice visual feel.

A production partner of Clooney's, Heslov has obviously taken a

book, the film feeling a

Confessions of a Dangerous Mind in its

few leaves from his

kinship with

SPECTACLE

WAREHOUSE

syncratic style to the

away from the issue

new recruit out to

relish in being the

smarmy bad guy.



by GARETH **JAMIESON**

he does less successfully though, is balance the flashbacks of the story within the narrative, the overall feeling slightly jarring and disjointed at

While the ingredients are all there, the end product of *The Men*Who Stare At Goats just feels a little too flat and forced; while wonderfully fast-paced and knockabout, there just feels like there is something missing from the

VERDICT - Hugely funny, yet feeling a touch undercooked and unfocused, *The Men* Who Stare At Goats is still a great way to spend 93 minutes.

Strong turns and solid direction make for a fast-paced comedy, but those expecting any real bite to the humour will Dangerous Mind in its approach and feel. What be disappointed. Enjoyable.

MODEL RAILWAYS

BARRY and Penarth Model Railway Club will hold a model railways exhibition day at Cadoxton Conservative Club, Vere Street, Barry, on Saturday, November 14, at 11am-5pm. Admission: Adults £2; children/OAP £1.50.

PENARTH FAIR

A CHARITY fair to support local causes will be held at Lower Penarth Community Centre, Brockhill Way, Penarth (opposite the Spar shop), from 2pm-5pm, on Saturday, November 14.

Christmas novelties, crafts and jewellery. Entrance is free.

by REV J WILLIAMS

Lest we forget the

sacrifice (and miracles)

that saved Britain

EPTEMBER 3 marked the 70th anniversary of the outbreak of the Second World War and some are saying "it's so long ago why remember the plead for divine interpast? vention.

This view shows how uninformed some peo-King attended ple are today. The fact that these events took place 70 years ago is irrelevant, because the real issue is that the consequences are still with us today.

If the outcome of the war had been different, you wouldn't be alive to read this article and I wouldn't have been born to write it.

This uncomfortable truth must never be forgotten. Many don't realise just how close we came to defeat and national annihilation. This country was in such a terrible state we were brought to our knees – quite literally.

At first, when war was declared, nothing much happened, but within a few months France and Belgium fell to the Germans

The only port from which to evacuate the British Army was Dunkirk, where they were trapped against the

Our troops were encircled and the German army was proceeding to their annihilation.

The position was so serious, it was estimated that a mere 20,000 would be rescued.

Almost the entire British army was about to perish. There was no human solution to this crisis; the end of the British way of life had come - or so it appeared.

In sheer desperation, King George VI called for a national day of prayer to be held on May 26. In a national broadcast he instructed the people of the UK to

Together with mem-bers of the cabinet, the Westminster Abbey, while millions of people across the British Isles flocked to churches praying for deliverance.

Nothing like it had ever been seen before.

Two great phenome-na followed this day of prayer. The first was a great storm which broke out over the area on May 28, hindering the assault of the German airforce, and the second was the great calm which settled on the English Channel the

likes of which hadn't

occurred for decades.
This calm enabled an armada of boats to rescue about 335,000 men. Four years later, Britain was able to provide a 'launch pad' for the lib-eration of Europe.

If the British army had been destroyed at Dunkirk, the UK would have been occupied and the liberation of Europe would never have happened. This must never be forgotten.

During the war, there were so many instances of divine assistance at crucial moments that in October 1942, Churchill commented: "I sometimes have a feeling of interference. I want to stress that. I have a feeling sometimes that some Guiding Hand has interfered. I have a feeling that we have a

Guardian because we have a great Cause and we shall have that Guardian so long as we serve that Cause faithfully.

During this season of remembrance, let us reflect that we are now living our lives because of deliverance and miracles, as well as the sacrifices made by countless people in the field of conflict.

And as we remember, we must ask "is the UK showing itself worthy of such deliverances? Is our society setting an example to the world by our beliefs and moral standards?"

The stark lesson from wartime is that if we want to be delivered from the problems besetting our nation today, we need to put God and the 10 Commandments back at the heart of our society.

Showing our heroes their legal rights The men and women

Remembr ance Day just passed, our thoughts turn to the many servicemen and servicewomen who have fought for their country during two world wars or in more recent times.

Many of us will be wearing poppies in remembrance of the sacrifices these brave men and women have made.

At the Legal Services Commission, we work to ensure that people in the local area who have risked their lives for their country can find expert advice about their rights when they return home.

serving in Iraq, Afghanistan and other parts of the world are, of course, at the forefront of our minds at this time, but it is important not to forget those who bravely served in earlier conflicts. We have produced an

online information leaflet called 'Veterans: rights for former servicemen and women and their families' It explains about

financial help available to veterans, serving forces personnel and their families, and also gives practical advice on matters such as finding accommodation or work on leaving the forces.

It also lists the contact details of organisations that provide help and

support to former forces personnel.

You can download the leaflet from www.communitylegaladvice.org.u k. It can be found at the following link: http://www.communitylegaladvice.org.uk/en /legalhelp/leaflet25_5.jsp The legal aid funded

Community Legal Advice helpline (0845 345 4 345) can also help people on benefits or low incomes, by provid-ing free expert legal advice about Family matters. Debt. Employment, Education, Housing, Welfare Benefits and Tax Credits.

(Wales Director, Legal Services Commission)

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TIDY TOWNS PROJECT IN SECOND YEAR

Tidy Towns is a Welsh Assembly Government funded project delivered in partnership by Keep Wales Tidy and Local Authorities. The project aim is to support the people of Wales to take responsibility for their local environment and carry out sustainable, practical improvement projects.

Groups and volunteers adopt areas of their local environment and undertake practical improvement projects such as; fly tipped waste removal, litter picks, path maintenance, installing benches and picnic sites, invasive species clearance, improving disabled access, developing community gardens, running waste amnesties and habitat management, graffiti removal.

As part of a Tidy Towns group you can develop your ideas for improving the quality of the local environment and get help with funding, advice and practical assistance and training which is available to volunteers on a wide range of issues.

TIDY TOWNS IN THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN

The Tidy Towns project has had a very positive response in the Vale of Glamorgan in the past eighteen months with over forty groups having joined in the scheme in one way or another. Many of these groups are long term and aim to make a lasting improvement to the environment. These include community groups such as Craig Penllyn and Penarth Marina Residents. Organisations such as Llamau and Scope as well as schools in the county see great benefits in volunteering and embracing environmental issues.



Llamau Supported Housing



Craig Penllyn Residents



Penarth Marina Group



St Nicholas Primary



Llantwit Major Comp



Scope Action Group

Tidy Towns Community Grants Scheme

Financial support for volunteer groups & projects

Are you a Tidy Towns Group or do you have a project in mind?

Do you need a grant?

Through the Tidy Towns Project, Keep Wales Tidy is able to offer financial assistance to community groups who demonstrate a commitment to tackle environmental projects which will restore their local area to its former glory. These grants are available for cover the cost of:

- Tools and other equipment
- Refreshments
- Insurance
- Awareness raising
- Training

How to apply for a grant

- Before you do anything speak to your local Tidy Towns Project Officer.
- Complete the application form and send it back to your Project Officer who will add their own comments and forward to the Keep Wales Tidy Grants Committee.
- The Grants Committee meet once a month to check that applications have been completed correctly and that all criteria are met.

For help and advice on practical projects please contact Ian Harvey on 02920 726985 or e-mail ian.harvey@keepwalestidy.org or tidy.towns@keepwalestidy.org

To request a TT grant application form please telephone 01446 700111 or email visible@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk, alternatively for more ideas you can visit the council website at www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/recycle



Doves Centre Penarth receive the funding for their community garden improvement project



Soul in Dinas volunteers putting their funding assistance to good use





Support for Tidy Towns from Ian Harvey KWT (left) and the Vale Enforcement Team (right)

WINE **TASTING**

A FINAL reminder that there will be a dinner with Chateau du Seuil wines on Saturday, November 14, at the Fox & Hounds, contact Sue or John.

WHIST **DRIVE**

Society whist drive will be on Tuesday, November 24 at the Village Hall commencing at 7pm.

Admission is £1 and there will, as usual, be prizes, a raffle and refreshments

Date for the next vent is December 29. CALL MY **BLUFF**

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THE next Llancarfan ON Friday, November has been organised by



COMMUNITY NEWS

LLANBETHERY & LLANCARFAN Your community correspondents are Sam & Patsie Smith on (01446) 751448

20, there will be a 'Call My Bluff' wine tasting evening in the Village Hall, which

the Llancarfan and **District Community** Association and Llancarfan Primary School PTA.

These have been very successful over the years and the original panel of Andrew Thorn, David Stevens and Sam Smith will once again challenge the audience.

Contact Julie Potter (01446 781271) and Sue Taylor (01446 781453) for full details.

All proceeds are to go to Llancarfan PTA and Hall funds.

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

FUW DINNER 'VERY SUCCESSFUL'

County farmers ponder a world without cows

branch of the Farmers

posed by Union presi-

He referred to the controversial motion proposed by Peter Black (Lib Dem) and Lorraine Barratt (Labour) to annul

the TB Eradication

Order (Wales) (2009)

Mr Vaughan wel-

comed new members of

county staff and Adrian

Evans, county executive officer, and Ed Jones,

area officer, were also welcomed and wished

every success.
Mr Glyn Jones, coun-

ty chairman, thanked the

president and said the county was making

progress, although find-ing it difficult to recruit

younger members, espe-

cially those in the milk

He then introduced

the guest speaker for the evening, Mr Richard

Thomas MRCVS, (Dic y Fet, as he is known).

A very humorous talk

dent, Mr Gareth

Union of Wales was pro-



A VERY successful held at the Heronston Hotel. Bridgend, when the

Departure from the Provision of the Development Plan Ceisiadau nad ydynt yn cydymffurfio â Darpariaeth y Cynllun

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NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 8

Proposed development at Hensol Castle, Miskin, Pendoylan.

I give notice that J. H. Leeke & Sons Limited, is applying to The Vale of Glamorga

The proposal has been submitted with an environmental statement which can be inspected at the address given below. Members of the public may obtain copies of the environmental statement at a charge of £125.00 (Non Technical Summary =

£15.00) from RPS Group, Park House, Greyfriars Road, Cardiff. CF10 3AF so long

Other documents submitted with the application.
at the address given below during all reasonable hours until 3 December, 2009.

Anyone who wishes to make representations about this application should write to

the Head of Planning and Transportation at the address given below by 3 December 2009 quoting reference 2009/00965/FUL.

HYSBYSIAD O DAN ERTHYGL 8

Datblygiad arfaethedig yn Hensol Castle, Miskin, Pendoylan

Council for Planning Permission to Proposed amendments to comprehensive mixed use redevelopment including conversion and extension of castle as hotel, conversion of ward blocks to residential use, development of holiday accommoda-

tion, new two storey staff accommodation and restoration of walled garden

county president, warmly welcomed guests.

Left to right: Brian Walters (vicepresident), Gareth Vaughan (national president), Richard Thomas MRCVS (guest speaker), Glyn Jones (county chairman), Emyr Jones (deputy president) and John Llewellyn (county president).

serious moments when Dic also referred to the letter proposed by the union to contact their AMs to request them to vote to support the TB eradication order.

He believed that if we didn't act in this way, we could well see Wales with hundreds of thousands of badgers and NO cows in the future.

The vote of thanks was proposed by Miss Lorraine Howells, south Wales member of the finance and organising committee.

She referred to the other well-attended dinner being supported by some prominent union leaders being present including Emyr Jones, deputy president and Brian Walters, the vice-

president.

They were all thanked for their support of the county.

A raffle was held and the first prize collected was a signed autospeaker, Richard Thomas.

Glamorgan County

dinner was recently

Mr John Llewellyn,

A toast to the

PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) ACT, 1990 **CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG** DEDDF CYNLLUNIO (ADEILADAU RHESTREDIG AC ARDALOEDD CADWRAETH) 1990 TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING IERAL DEVELOPMENT PROCEDURE) ORDER 1995 GORCHYMYN CYNLLUNIO GWLAD ATHREF (TREFN DATBLYGIAD CYFFREDINOL) 1995

NOTICE is hereby given that application has been made to the Council for planning permission for the undermentioned developments:

HYSBYSIR trwy hyn i geisiadau gael eu gwneud i'r Cyngor am ganiatâd cynllunio

Development in Conservation Areas Datblygiad mewn Ardaloedd Cadwraeth

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: Proposal:/Cynnig:

2009/01097/FUL Change of use of health centre to financial and professional services (class A2)

Cowbridge Health Centre, Old Hall, High Street, Cow-Location:/Lleoliad:

Cowbridge with Llanblethian

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2009/01099/FUL Change of use of health centre to offices (class B1) Cowbridge Health Centre, Old Hall, High Street, Cow-

Conservation Area:/ Ardal Gadwraeth

Cowbridge with Llanblethian

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: Proposal:/Cynnig:

2009/01104/FUL

2009/01104/FUL
Proposed refurbishment of 12 Paget Road to provide A3
use cafe/restaurant to lower ground and ground floor with
proposed rear extension to extend the existing residential
dwelling to floors above
12, Paget Road, Barry Island

Location:/Lleoliad: Conservation Area: Ardal Gadwraeth

Barry (Marine)

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: Proposal:/Cynnig:

Single storey kitchen/dining extension to front of property and conversion of existing integral garage into utility room and store within single storey extension 9, St. John Close, Cowbridge

Location:/Lleoliad: Conservation Area:/ Ardal Gadwraeth

Cowbridge with Llanblethian

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: Proposal:/Cynnig: Location:/Lleoliad:

2009/01112/FUL

Two storey extension with various roof alterations Cross Green, Llancarfan,

Hysbysir trwy hyn J. H. Leeke & Sons Limited, n gwneud cais i Gyngor Bro Morgannwg am Ganiatâd Cynllunio ar gyfe Proposed amendments to comprehensive mixed use redevelopment including conversion and extension of castle as hotel, conversion of ward blocks to residential use, development of holiday accommodation, new two storey staff accommodation and restoration of walled garden

Cafodd y cynnig ei gyflwyno gyda datganiad amgylcheddol sydd ar gael i'w ddar-llen yn y cyfeiriad isod. Caiff aelodau o'r cyhoedd brynu copïau o'r datganiad am £125.00 (Non Technical Summary = £15.00) oddi wrth/o RPS Group, Park House, Greyfriars Road, Cardiff. CF10 3AF tra bydd y stoc ar gael.

Caiff aelodau o'r cyhoedd hefyd ddarllen copïau o'r:

Members of the public may inspect copies of:

The application.

The environmental statement

The plans.

- cais;cynlluniau;
- datganiad amgylcheddol;dogfennau eraill a gyflwynwyd gyda'r cais,

yn y cyfeiriad isod yn ystod oriau rhesymau tan 3 Rhagfyr, 2009.

Dylai unrhyw un sydd am wneud sylwadau ar y cais ysgrifennu at Bennaeth Cynllunio a Chludiant y cyngor (gwelwch y dudalen ar waelod y dudalen) erbyn 3 Rhagfyr 2009 an ddyfynnu'r cyfeirnod 2009/00965/FUL.

Full details (including plans) may be inspected during normal working hours for a period of 14 days in the offices of the Head of Planning and Transportation at the address given below, or via the Council's Online Applications Register at vog.planning-register.co.uk

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Dated: 12 November, 2009 Rob Thomas
Head of Planning and Transportation
The Vale of Glamorgan Council, Barry Docks, Barry CF63 4RT

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Pupils observe Remembrance



ABOVE: Head boy Jordan Moore and head girl Jessica Dawe.

Each year on Remembrance Day, pupils at St Richard Gwyn Catholic High School gather in the assembly hall.

They listen to a presentation on the work of the British Legion, observe a two-minute silence and offer prayers for those serving in the forces, their families and for a peaceful and just solution to the conflicts and troubles of today. Assemblies during the

week concentrated on the significance of November 11 in history, and why it is important to remember the sacrifices of the past and

present. The school's deputy headteacher, Ms Christine Morrish, said: 'Several of our pupils have family members serving in armed forces. This is a particularly

poignant time for them,'
The head girl, Jessica Dawe and head boy, Jordan Moore, led the service. Jordan said: "I was pleased to take part in the school's commemoration of Remembrance Day

"My father served in the Gulf War. It is important for young people to know and be grateful for the sacrifices of the past and also to respect the work of our armed forces in present conflicts.

Development that might affect the setting of a Listed Building Datblygiad a allai effeithio ar amgylchedd Adeilad Rhestredig

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Listed Building:/ Affecting The Old Hall, High Street, Cowbridge, Grade II

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ais: 2009/01099/FUL
Change of use of health centre to offices (class B1)
Cowbridge Health Centre, Old Hall, High Street,
Cowbridge

Listed Building:/

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Tenants have new forum to work with Vale Council



VALE Council tenants are being given a greater say in a range of issues relating to their homes.

The council and five tenants' associations have signed up to the Vale of Glamorgan Tenants'
Association Compact. A recently-formed tenants'
association for Brecon Court, Barry, is expected to
become a further signatory in the near future.

The new 'compact' sets out clear commitments for both parties, and the way in which tenants can influence the decision-making process relating to a wide range of local authority housing services.

Representing the council at the official signing

of the compact were Coun Paul Church, cabinet member for housing and community safety, Coun Margaret Wilkinson, chair of the scrutiny (housing and public protection) committee, Peter Evans, director of legal, public protection and housing, Tony Jaques, head of housing, and Heather Powney, tenant development officer.
Stressing that the council viewed tenant involve-

ment as a key part of its work, Coun Church said: "Over the last two years, the number of tenants' associations in the Vale has risen considerably and each of them brings the views and opinions of indi-

viduals directly to the council.

"The council values the input of tenants and, as a direct result of their involvement, the council is reshaping existing housing services and providing

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ABOVE: Representatives of five tenants' associations who have signed up to the Vale of Glamorgan Tenants' Association Compact are pictured with Coun Paul Church (front, left), Peter Evans (front, centre), and

Tony Jaques

(back, left).

MAKE AUTUMN THE COLOURFUL GRAND FINALE FOR YOUR GARDEN

AUTUMN splendour is always the grand finale of the growing season, as leaves turn vibrant shades of yellow, orange and deep red, while berries provide further interest – and not just for the birds, writes HANNAH STEPHENSON.

If you are now looking out on a bare garden with little colour, think about the ornamentals you could plant to add some pizzazz to the scene and contrast well with each other.

Autum colour shows up best with a solid, dark background such as conifers and evergreen shrubs, so bear this in mind when planning. Trees should be used

carefully so that their effect is a highlight, rather than just a small part of a busy planting scheme. Green is still the most important colour in the garden and should there-fore be the most prevalent, so don't overdo it with bright-leafed plants or the effect will not be restful.

The ornamental cherry

The ornamemar cherry (Prunus sargentii) is a wonderful specimen whose young leaves are red, turning to dark green.

In the early autumn they In the early autumn they become brilliant orange-red and finally a deep red. The leaves don't drop at the first hint of frost, but last longer on the tree.

A smaller tree is the Persian ironwood (Parrotia persica), which grows to eight metres and whose leaves turn to a patchwork of orange, bright red and purple-red in autumn, although it needs acid soil

for good leaf colour.
Combine trees and shrubs of different hues.

The rich, deep reds and burgundies of Japanese maples such as Acer palmatum 'Bloodgood' contrast beautifully with the yellowing leaves of silver birch, while Chinese lanterns (Physalis alkekengi) provide additional warmth with their bright orange, lantern-shaped fruits, ideally in a large shrub border in a wood-

land setting.
Plant perennials such as bearded irises at the front of the display for structural foliage from spring to autumn, and for flower colour earlier in the year.

If you don't have room to add more plants to your borders, select a Japanese maple in a pot for warm autumn colour. Choose a container at least 30cm in container at least 30cm i diameter and a compost comprising equal parts John Innes No 2 potting compost and a soil-less multi-purpose compost. Add lots of drainage

material in the base of the

pot and top-dress the com-post with gravel.

Ideal specimens for a pot include A palmatum

dissectum 'Garnet', whose leaves open bright red and then deepen to a rich gar-net colour. This deciduous acer is very slow growing - up to 1.8 metres in 10 years – and looks great

alongside a pond or in an ornamental planter. Acers should be grown in moist but well-drained soil. The foliage colour is best in dappled shade, although full sun can be tolerated.

Shrubs can also provide dazzling foliage tints and flowers. Look out for Euonymus alatus, the spindle bush, which is a world away from the compact, variegated evergreen forms we use for shady gardens and winter hang-

ing baskets.

This one is deciduous, but produces spectacular autumn colour, producing a molten crimson display. It is medium-sized, fitting into most gardens.

Other good choices for autumn colour include Hebe 'Autumn Glory', which produces purple bottle-brush flowers which can last until Christmas. can last until Christmas, and the oak-leafed hydrangea (Hydrangea quercifolia), whose leaves turn purple in autumn and hang on to the plant for

If you have a wall which looks bare in the cooler months, train a colourful pyracantha along it, which produces clusters

of sizzling orange autumn berries and white spring flowers. This evergreen shrub has a vigorous. dense and spiny habit and can also be planted as a barrier hedge. Train it like a cordon,

and in years to come it will reward you (and the birds) with masses of colourful berries.

colourful bernes.

Other shrubs with colourful autumn fruits include Berberis x carminea 'Pirate King', Callicarpa bodinieri var giraldii 'Profusion' and Cotoneaster salicifolius 'Rothschildianus' 'Rothschildianus'

Autumn in the garden can truly be the firework display before the more muted tones of winter set

Best of the bunch -Cotinus...

Commonly known as the smoke bush because of the smoke bush because of its fluffy plumes of pale pink flowers which appear above the foliage in sum-mer, producing a smoke-like haze, this deciduous shrub is a must for the autumn garden. You need a fair amount

of space as it can become the size of a small tree, so grow it as a stand-alone specimen or in a large shrub border in sun or light shade, in moist but well-drained, moderately

Good choices include C

green leaves turn brilliant orange-red in autumn, and Orange-ted in autumi, and C coggygria 'Royal Purple', grown for its purple foliage, whose leaves turn orange and red in autumn before falling.

Good enough to eat... Broad beans have been chosen by the National Trust as one of the top three veg to grow in win-ter, as part of its 'Food Glorious Food' campaign aimed at encouraging the next generation to grow their own.

Sowing at this time of

the year means they won't be attacked by pests, while children love picking them and eating them straight from the pod - a great way to get them eating vegeta-

Only attempt autumn sowing if your plot is shel-tered, free-draining and in a mild area – and choose a hardy variety. For all other locations

it's better to sow under cloches in early spring. Early beans can be harvested from May onwards.

As part of its campaign, the National Trust will mark the start of the winter growing season with a series of events including winter vegetable work-shops and cookery demonstrations. See www.foodgloriousfood.org.uk for more details.

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Beavers offer their thanks to veteran

who attended the Remembrance Sunday ceremony in Cowbridge were quick to show their appreciation to World War Two Navy veteran Mr Ian Bryce DSC.

Mr Bryce, who was born in 1922 in Darlington where he spent his childhood, moved to Cardiff at the age of 12.

His daughter, Mrs Peta Ball, told The GEM: His daughter, Mrs Peta
Ball, told The GEM: was involved in the evac"My father trained for uation of British and
the sea on HMS French troops from touched by the group
Worcester while on the Dunkirk, for which he
River Thames, and
joined the Merchant (Distinguished Service
Navy in 1938.

"In 1939 he was called it to the Busine Course."

"He was also involved Mr Bryce worte a
intent the Davis Merchant (Distinguished Service)

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ABOVE: Local Beavers cluster round World War Two veteran Mr Ian Bryce the Bryce family were deeply touched by the gesture.

into the Royal Navy as a in the Russian Convoys book about his life which reserve officer serving in and many other missions was published by The

HM ships Kittewake, during the war." Memoir Club and was Fitzroy, and Oribi during Mrs Ball said the grater of the war. Way.

"At the age of 18 he Beavers to her father was large'.

Bridgend funeral for M4 collision victim

THE funeral of a Llantwit Major man, Mr Neil Holland, who was killed in a collision on the M4 on October 26, is to take place at Coychurch Crematorium next

week.

Mr Holland, who had worked at MoD St Athan, was travelling back to south Wales with his girlfriend Irene Pears when the car they were in, a red Ford Focus, collided with a safety bar-rier, overturned and caught fire. Mr Holland was declared dead at the

rolland was declared dead at the scene and Mrs Pears was taken to the Great Western Hospital with serious lower leg injuries. She is currently in Morriston Hospital, Swansea undergoing further treatment.

Head public house in Llantwit Major the where they were well known.

Scott Buckley, the son of Linda and Tony Buckley the landlords of the King's Head said: "Neil was the sort of person who would do anything to help someone. A lot of the regulars plan to go to the funeral next week.

"He and Irene were on holiday at the same complex in Cyprus as my parents, who will also be attending the funeral."

The funeral will be at Covchurch Crematorium on November 19 at 12

A Wiltshire police spokesman said: "Anyone who witnessed the collision, who has not already made contact with the police, or who saw any vehicle ing rurther treatment.

The couple were returning to Wales after a holiday in Cyprus.

There has been shock at the King's Head public house in Llantwit Maior. Crimestoppers number 0800

> THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN NOTICE OF PUBLIC PATH DIVERSION ORDER HIGHWAYS ACT 1980 SECTION 119 THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL (PUBLIC FOOTPATH NO. 20 WELSH ST DONATS) PUBLIC PATH DIVERSION ORDER

that described in the First Schedule to this Order to that described in the Second Schedule to this Order

Dinas Powys pauses to remember 'the fallen'

Rev Huw Rhydderch.

DINAS POWYS' former service personnel, villagers and young people turned out force at the Cenotaph Remembrance Sunday.

A spokesman for the Royal British Legion said: 'The Dinas Powys branch's organisation of a small but collective act involved 34 tributes being laid at the War Memorial on the Twyn, and was again well attended.

"Once more, the weather was kind to all who gathered, and despite the passing of the years and the declining number of veterans, the amount of people who joined us from the village and across the surrounding district demonstrated how strong the feeling is about Remembrance.

"It was time to pause and reflect on the sacrifices de by our brave servicemen and women of the made by our brave serv past and the present too.



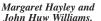
Mr Allan Johanson (left) prepares to lay a wreath.



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RIGHT: Tom Wallis was remembering his father.





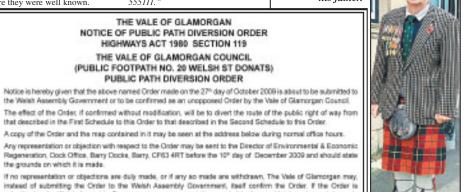


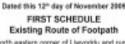




Mr Arthur Coxen.







submitted to the Welsh Assembly Government, any representations and objections, which have been duly made

Commences at ST 0501 7788 at the north eastern corner of Llwynddu and runs southwards through a narrow alley to a stile below an electricity pylon at 8T 0305 7770. The path then runs northeastwards across a field, then northwards along the field boundary to the farmyord to ST 0318 7786. The path turns eachwards to cross the former farmyord at ST 0026 7787 then follows the accommodation road to terminate on the adopted highway at ST 0342 7777

Length: 661 metres. Width: undefined

the grounds on which it is made.

and not withdrawn, will be sent with the Order.

SECOND SCHEDULE New Route of Footpath

Commences at 8T 0301 7788 at the north eastern corner of Llwynddu and runs eastwards across a field to ST 0317 7782. The path then follows the field boundary northwards to ST 0318 7796 where it turns eastwards across two fields to ST 0347 7796 at the adopted highway. The path then continues southward along the adopted highway to terminate at ST 0342 7777.

Length: 691 metres Width: 1.2 metres

Director of Environmental & Economic Regeneration Dock Office, Subway Road, Barry, CF63 4RT



Coun Margaret Randall.

Out and About with **The G**

Concert for St Donats funds



recently, when

THE little Church of St Donats was the venue for an atmospheric candle-lit concert of **Baroque music**

Chris Davies of Atlantic College and musicians drawn from staff and students, arranged and performed items in aid of church funds. Seen above are Maren Strommen (violin) and singers with soprano **Angharad Davies**

(centre).

Photographs by HEATHER MARCH

Christmas fair is for the birds

VOLUNTEERS from RSPB Cymru are organising a Christmas Fair in Cowbridge Town Hall on Saturday November 14, between 10am-12.15pm.

Admission is free. There will be stalls selling RSPB Christmas cards, diaries and calendars, as well as second hand books, bric-a-brac, a tombola and raffle, a cake stall and refresh-

All proceeds go to support the work of RSPB Cymru. For more

details, please contact Joy Lyman, RSPB Volunteer on 029 2077

The next indoor meeting of the Cardiff and District local group will take place tomorrow (Friday, November 13) in Llandaff Parish Hall. Derek Moore is giving an illustrated talk entitled 'Birds of Wales'.

The talk starts at 7.30pm, admission charge is £3 for adults, £2.50 for concessions. £1 for students and under-16s. Meeting is open to all – it is not necessary to be an RSPB

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Craft and Christmas plans at Holy Cross

November 14, Holy inviting children to tion.

This is to be part of the Christmas Tree Festival, which runs from November 27-29.

The craft drop-in session will be held from 2pm-4pm and everyone welcome.

Following the successful holiday club 'starship discovery' the theme of the tree will be stars! Refreshments will be

provided.

sue Freeland said: "W apologise for starting Christmas decorations in November, but to be included in the Christmas Tree FEstival an early start was needed.

"In fact, as 50-plus night during the Advent trees are anticipated at period. The figures will the Christmas Tree arrive in a basket with a Cross Church is Festival, there are many come and make a Cowbridge who have Christmas decora- started planning and dec-

started planning and decorating early."

ADVENT

ANOTHER plan for Advent is being introduced to Cowbridge this year.

It is called Posada to Holy Cross Church Mexican for Inn). It is ready for the crib service ased on the Mexican adition of children Sue added: "This is a (Mexican for Inn). It is based on the Mexican tradition of children dressing up as Mary and

Joseph, and travelling from house to house.

In Cowbridge, the nativity figures of Mary, Joseph and the donkey will visit different hous-

nativity storybook which over people can read.

People may like to light a candle (safely!) or invite friends around the night they arrive.

The next day they will be passed on to the next household on the list.

The figures will return

lovely way to make room for Jesus this Christmas To book a day telephone me on 01446 775947 or e m a i kandsfreeland@aol.com.

For more details on the above arrangements People are being invit-please contact Churches ed to make room in their Together in Cowbridge. houses for them for one

SWING AT COWBRIDGE TOWN HALL

their successful performance last year, the Youth Big Band will make a welcome reappearance at Cowbridge

Town Hall on Saturday, November 21.

The talented youngsters, an offshoot of the Cardiff and the Vale Youth Orchestra, absolutely thrilled the audience during last vear's concert.

Since then, there have been numerous requests for a return visit. Their vibrant playing had feet tap-ping and the old beams of the town hall creak-

ing!
They had a brand of music to appeal to all tastes – including stan-dards by Glen Miller,

Ella Fitzgerald and Frank Sinatra and

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other big band classics. The ticket price of £12.50 includes a succulent hot meal of bangers and jacket potatoes There will be a licensed bar and raf-

fle.

The proceeds will go to support the work of malunteers of the St John Ambulance, who carry out such valuable first aid facilities at so many events in the Vale, as well as man-ning the First Aid Post and the safety boat at Barry Island.

It promises to be another superb night. so why not come and ioin us?

Admission by ticket only, which can be obtained on 01446

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Valeways walks

November 14, 2pm, The War Turrets, Lavernock. Start from Visitor centre, Cosmeston Country

Park, Penarth.. November 15, at 2pm, Rhoose & Nurston Millennium Trail Circular. Start at Rhoose Railway Station car park.

November 18, at 2pm, St Mary Church and Llandough, Start at St Mary Church, centre of vil-lage by bus stop.

VALE PACT MEETINGS

COURT PACT, The Scout Hall, Ilminster Street Barry, today (November 12), 7.30pm.

PETERSTON SUPER ELY, Pendoylan Council meeting, Pendoylan School, today, 7.45pm.

CASTLELAND PACT, Civic Offices, Barry

LLANTWIT MAJOR PACT, at town Leisure Centre, November 17, at 7pm.

COFFEE and chat at the Horse & Jockey public house, Twyn-yr-Odyn, November 17, at 11.30am.

DYFAN PACT, Barry Comprehensive School Port Road, Barry, November 18, at 6pm. If you have any issues that are affecting your quality of life, but are unable to attend a meeting, contact your local Neighbourhood Policing or log onto www.ourbobby.com

PTA Ladies night off!

LLANILLTUD Fawr Primary School PTA is holding another 'Ladies Night Off' event on Friday, November 13 at 7.30 pm-10.30 pm in the school hall.

Various treatments will be available for an additional charge, including Indian head massage, manicure, mini facial, waxing. There will also be stalls with jewellery, pashminas, beauty products, cards.

Contact Djemilla Price on 01446 796728 or Clare Price on 01446 794730.

Llantwit Major CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAYRE at the LLANTONIAN HALL (Pensioners' Centre) Llantwit Major Saturday 21st November from 10am to 4pm ENTRY FREE 15 different stalls from cards to jewellery, plants to wood turning, textiles to ceramics, lino prints to pictures. Refreshments available / Christmas Raffle Please come and support your Local Art & Craft Group

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Lifesaving the Lottery, from Wales Air Ambulance were: £1000 winner - Mr A Doughtv. Llanmaes. Llantwit Major (LL54673); £200 winner Mrs C Humphreys. Newton, (LL13018); £100 winner Miss M Gray.

Llangunllo,

popular country park during the winter months, and Vale Council ranger Mel Stewart said: "Everyone is welcome

to join our work parties.
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of conservation work is not essential as training and equipment will be provided.

Dates set for the winter work parties, which start at the golf hut at 10am and finish at 12.30pm, are: Sundays, November 15, December 6 and 20, and January 10 and 24

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VALE OPEN LEARNING CENT BRATES 20 YEARS OF SUCCI

NOW in its 20th year, the Vale Open Learning Centre has cel-ebrated its success story with a presentation event hested by a presentation event hosted by the Vale of Glamorgan Mayor, Coun Emlyn Williams.

The centre helps individuals from across the Vale wishing to improve or refresh their reading, writing, language, numeracy or IT skills and, last year, received 580 enrolments, 50 per cent of whom achieved nationally-

recognised qualifications.

The English, maths, IT and English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) courses are held at the centre headquarters at Provincial House, Kendrick Road, Barry, the Palmerston (Barry) centre and in Penarth. The Family Learning courses are run in partnership with local primary schools who host the classes.

For some students, the courses serve as a stepping stone to further Citizenship, a spokesperson said. Presenting certificates, Coun

Williams congratulated the students on their success:

"It is a credit to your commitment that you have found the time to study while working and/or bringing up a family. You should feel justifiably proud of your achievements," he told them

Centre manager Coralie Morgan and head of lifelong learning, Dave Prosser thanked Coun Williams for hosting the event and "taking time out of your busy schedule to help recognise the marvellous efforts of our learners

Coralie added: "We are extremely proud of both our students for their success and our tutors who prepared them so well."



ABOVE right and BELOW right: Vale Open Learning Centre learners on English for Speakers of Other Languages courses proudly display their Cambridge: Skills for Life certificates with tutors and Vale of Glamorgan Mayor Coun Emlyn Williams.







Vale Open Learning Centre English learners with their City and Guilds certificates.



ABOVE and TOP: Vale Open Learning Centre maths learners

Learners from Barry and Penarth classes celebrate success with their tutors.



Family learning course parents from Holton Primary School, Barry, with their tutors.

RIGHT: Vale Open Learning Centre computer students with OCR, Open College Network and CLAIT certificates.



LEFT: Family learning course parents from Gladstone Primary School, Barry, with their tutors



Harriers FC are looking good for the new season



Harriers FC under-12s are pictured in their new team kit, RAIN for the first sponsored by Maes Veterinary Group.

For further infor-

mation on High

Street Harriers visit www.hshfc.moonfruit.com **High Street Harriers** outside Maes Glas surgery.

No smoke on the water for Evan as Deep Purple wins!

trainer Evan Williams, who won last year's Bet365 Charlie Hall Chase at Wetherby with State Of Play, landed the £100,000 event for the second consecutive year when his eight-year-old Deep Purple, who was in third place jumping the last fence, got up on the run-in to win by a head from the favourite Tamarinbleu.

Beautifully ridden by stable jockey Paul Moloney, who was aboard State Of Play in last year's race, *Deep Purple* was running over the three miles one fur-long distance for the first time and although looking a beaten horse jumphour or so later, Kenfig

special

package

ON AND OFF THE TURF with Brian Lee

ing the last fence, ran on well in the dash to the winning post.

Moloney said: "He was a good novice last season and he is as tough as old boots he'd just die for you every day of the week. The last thing the boss (Williams) said to me was 'same as last vear thankfully it all worked

Williams said: "This was the plan and it is great when it comes off, especially when some are questioning what you are doing."

Rhvs has Fair win

Sporting clubs

get community

chest boost

LLANTWIT Major Community Chest grants

Amateur Boxing were: Southerndown Club is one of six Surf Club - £528 to improve coaching stan-

sports groups to dards; Inter Penarth AFC receive a share of a - £480 to form a senior

funding football

boosting

totalling

to Penarth mini-junior sports

rugby, to pay for coach-

which went to calling Julie Morgan or Cowbridge Town AFC to 01446 704748.

opportunities in the Vale.

soon have improved training facilities after

of volunteers with sup-port from the Vale Council's sports and play

development team and the Sports Council for

£3,928 were shared between six local clubs,

Grants

Boxers at the club will

Evans

team; Amy

Mental Health Team

£420 to provide football

opportunities.
These latest grant

take the total awarded in

Community

Hill's Rhys Flint, riding Philip Hobbs" seven-year-old *Fair Along*, had an easy win in the John Smith's West Yorkshire

Hurdle. Rhys (18) who is a great judge of racing pace, had his mount in a handy position throughout and went on to win by 18 lengths from the well-backed favourite Pettifour, trained by Welshman Nigel Twiston Davies and ridden by Paddy Brennan.

Wyn drops in
Off the turf, I was

delighted when my old friend Wyn Calvin turned up to see me at my book signing at Borders Bookshop last

Next year, Wyn cele-

actor, comedian, radio and television presenter and a tireless worker for charity.

The greatest-living pantomime dame - even Sir Ian McKellan, who was cast as Widow Twankey, phoned him for advice on how to play the part. Wyn was acclaimed by The Stage newspaper as 'The Laurence Olivier of pantomime dames'.

For some years now, I have begged him to write his autobiography all to no avail.

I was also delighted that my literary friend and poet Peter Finch called in to see me. Peter's third Real brates 65 years in show business. He has been an published next month

Swimming club raises funds



Back row: Danielle Wilson, Isobelle Edwards, Kay Rogers, and Amy Drew. Front row: Declan Ewington and

training facilities and they were awarded £500 than £25,000 and it is hoped that more proposals will be made in 2010. two months and the deadline for the next round of applications is BARRY **Swimming** Thursday, January 28. day packing shop-pers' bags at To discuss a potential application, contact the Vale council's sports and play development manager, Karen Davies, on and included two maxi-mum awards of £1,000, an application form by the club.

from one hour to all day

Club said: "A big thank you to recently spent the fantastic job with her friend Carys. Both at helped to pack bags all Morrison's in Barry day. Also Kay Rogers to raise funds for who also stayed nearly he club.
A small but eager band all day except to collect her daughter Carrianne, of swimmers, family and and to Heulwen Cooper

by PETER MORRIS

Wet weather fails to

dampen the spirits of

Vale athletes at meet

Whitchurch are the leaders at under-14, on 50 points, with Cardiff High (47) second. Both Llantwit and Cowbridge are on 45 points, with Llantwit taking third place, thanks to more place points. The final fixture will

be held at Trelai on Tuesday, February 9, 2010 The next major fix-

On a soaking Trelai Park, Vale athletes ture on the schools' programme is the Welsh Schools' Inter Schools' champiclaimed three of the top four places in the opening under-14 race Schools championships, which will be held at Brecon on Saturday, November 14. The age groups will be different from the for pupils in years 8 Megan Osborne (Llantwit) had another comfortable win, con-Cardiff & the Vale schools' league – under-14 (years 7 and 8), under-16 (years 9 solidating her place as leading points scorer, while year-8 Kate Coker (Stanwell) and 10) and under-19 bounced back from her (years 11, 12 and 13) disappointment at the to provide a last chance opening fixture to for pupils to gain selecclaim second spot at tion for the south Wales teams to compete at the Welsh Inter Regional champi-onships, to be held at Builth Wells on

Sunday, December 13.

19 Girls – 3,870m – 67 finishers – 1 Bethan

Daw (StC) 16:26; 6 Fiona Bray (Cow) 17:28; 8 Eloise Laity (West) 17:47; 14 Anthea Young (Lwt)

18:54; 18 Katie Wynne

Sabrina James (Cow)

19:25; 34 Amy Baldry (Lwt); 35 Holly Preece

(Cow); 36 Danielle Edgerton (Bro M); 37

Edgerton (Bro M); 57 Jodie Price (Bryn H); 43 Georgia Kemeys (Cow); 45 Alison Bater (Cow); 46 Rosie Dent (Cow); 47 Bethan

Heslop (Bro M)]; 52 Bethan Butler (Bro M);

53 Finlay Haswell (Bro M); 54 Katie Mellin

(Bryn H); 59 Sarah Herbert (Bryn H); 61 Katie Mills (Bryn H);

62 Hannah Gilmore (Bryn H); 65 Sophie

Burrows (Cow); 66 Ella Hughes (Lwt); 67

Katie Prinn (Lwt). Teams: 2 Cowbridge

265; 5 Bryn Hafren (5

finishers) 67; 6 Llantwit (4 finishers)

91; 7 Bro Morgannwg (4 finishers) 84; 12 St

18:28; 17 Rachel Bradshaw (Cow)

(Cow) 18:56; 24

Vale results: Under-

this event. A second Llantwit girl, Erin Hayes, finished fourth, and, for good measure, the Cowbridge year-8 duo of Annabel Curle and Jordan Carpenter also featured in the first 10.

league fixture, and

even more rain at

the second league

der the number of

girls competing at

the second Cardiff

& the Vale of

Schools cross-

country league

dropped from 484

at the first fixture

Glamorgan

to just 360.

and 9

fixture! No won-

There was also a Vale victory in the final race of the afternoon. the senior girls race for pupils in years 10 to 14, with year-11 Bethan Daw (St Cyres), arguably one of the most improved ath-letes of 2009, getting the better of Lucy Harvey (Radyr) to win by 16 seconds. In the year-7 race,

Anna Mirza-Davies (Stanwell) was again the leading Vale girl, dropping one place over the longer course to finish third.

There were also encouraging performances from the Bryn Hafren duo of Kalah Huggins (4th) and Charlotte Webber (11th), Alice Tudor (5th) and Elinor Bishop (8th), both representing Cowbridge, and Chloe Hughes (Llantwit,

Cowbridge were the best placed of the Vale schools, winning the year-7 competition, and finishing second in the seniors and third in the under-14 competition. With one fixture

Cyres (1 finisher) 67; 16 Westbourne (1 finisher) 60. Teams after two fix-tures: 3 Cowbridge 37 (630); 4 Bryn Hafren 33; 6 Llantwit Major remaining in February, Radyr head the senior girls league on 40 points. Both Cardiff 28 (268); 7 Bro High and Cowbridge Morgannwg 28 (264); 13 St Cyres 16 (154); 16 St Richard Gwyn 10 have 37 points, but the north Cardiff school claims second place because they have (148); 17 Westbourne 10 (142). Under-14 Girls more place points.
In the year-7 section,

(years 8 and 9) – 3,200m – 133 finishers - 1 Megan Osborne (Lwt) 13:23; 2 Kate Coker (Stan) 13:34; 4 Erin Hayes (Lwt); 6

Annabel Curle (Cow) 14:14: 8 Jordan Carpenter (Cow) 14:18; 10 Tillie Cater (Bryn H) 14:29; 13 Chloe Lewis (Stan) 14:37: 15 Rachel Cosier (Bryn H) 14:58; 16 Lucy Tarrant (lwt) 15:05: 20 Kanisha Underdown (Bryn H) 15:23; 21 Mirriam Bennett (Cow) 15:24: 26 Ffion Davies (Bro M) 15:35; 27 Bethan Yapp (Bro M) 15:36; 31 Caitlin Young (Bro M) 15:52; 36 Aimee Price (Lwt); 39 Rebecca John (Cow); 40 Rochelle Davies (Bro M); 41 Lauren Blake (StRichG); 43 Ffion Roberts (Bro M); 50 Leah Kirby (Bro M); 51 Charley Brown (Bro M); 52 Elin Phillips Bowen (Bro M); 55 Demi Link (StC): 56 Melissa Gooding (Cow); 57 Gabrielle Cuddihy (West); 58 Niamh Gallagher (Cow); 60 Caitlin Allin (Cow); 62 Sophie Thomas (Cow); 63 Melissa James (West); 70 Naomi Griffiths (Bro M); 72 Laura Gale (Stan); 73 Elisa Protheroe (West); 74 Ffion Hopkin (Cow); 75 Devon Perry (Lwt); 77 Leah Cunningham (StC); 78 Emily Bonney (Cow); 84 Bridie Wilson-Dixson (StC); 85 Bethany Cleave (Lwt); 86 Alex Moss (StRichG): 88 Sophia Swaffield (StRichG): 99 Amy Parsons (Lwt); 100 Daisy Davies (West); 102 Carys Knapman (Bryn H); 105 Catrin Cosier (Bryn H); 107 Aleisha Feithan (Bryn H): 108 Nisle Edwards (Bro M); 109 Chelsea Sirak (Bro M); 110 Sophie George (Lwt); 111 Suzie Collins (Stan); 113 Courtney Bridge (Stan); 119 Abbie Dee (StRichG); 121 Morgan White (StRichG); 122 Lauren Bailey (StC); 132 Jessica Brennan (StC);

Jessica Breinian (StC); 133 Paige Jones (StRichG). Teams: 3 Cowbridge 616; 4 Bro Morgannwg 587; 5 Llantwit 587; 7 Bryn Hafren 445; 10 St Richard Gwyn 216; 14 Stanwell (5 finishers) 359; 16 Westbourne (5 finishers) 279; 17 St Cyres (5 finishers) 200 Teams after 2 fixtures: 3 Llantwit Major 45 (1648); 4 Cowbridge 45 (1571); 5 Bro Morgannwg 42; 9 Bryn Hafren 34 (1138); 10 St Richard Gwyn 33; 13 St Cyres 25 (893); 15 Stanwell 20 (780); 17 Westbourne 16.

Under-12 Girls (year-7) – 2570m – 160 finishers – 3 Anna Mirza-Davies (Stan) 12:47; 4 Kalah Huggins (Bryn H) 12:56; 5 Alice Tudor (Cow) 12:59; 8 Elinor

Bishop (Cow) 13:23; 11 Charlotte Webber (Bryn H) 13:24; 12 Chloe Hughes (Lwt) 13:30; 23 Nadine James (Cow) 13:54; 24 Keirney O'Dare (Lwt) 13:58; 25 Brooke Logdon-Cryer (Cow) 14:02: 26 Fla Emyr 14:02; 26 Ela Emyr (Cow) 14:03: 30 Ella Dyer (Stan) 14:08; 34 Elinor Hicks (Lwt); 35 Rebecca Thomas (Cow); 38 Menna Preece (Bro M); 42 Megan Davies (Bro M); 44 Milly Williams (Stan); 45 Sophie Morse (Bryn H); 47 Genevieve Watt (StRichG); 48 Olivia Hamzelou (Stan); 52 Nicole Rose (Stan); 55 Laurie Thomas (Cow); 56 Emma Davies (Stan); 58 Emma Young (Lwt); 60 Maisie Hallett (Stan): 63 Sian Smith (Stan); 64 Hazel Doran (Stan); 69 Maisie Squire (Stan); 71 Tamara Pitt (Lwt): 72 Evie Williams (Cow); 74 Hannah Lister-Sims (Cow); 75 Tilly Mathews (Bro M); 79 Delana Davies (Bro M); 82 Jess Cushen (Bryn H); 85 Yoko Hargreaves (Stan); 90 Alix Hopkins (Bryn H); 91 Alys Walton (Bro M); 92 Evie Carter (Bro M); 93 Ricki-Lea Dwyer (StC); 94 Hannah Davies (Bro M); 95 Kelsey Penikett (StRichG); 96 Ambra John (StRichG); 98 Georgia Witshire (Stan); 100 Sian Evans (Bro M): 101 Emilia Bailey (StRichG); 103 Josie Price (Lwt); 104 Cerys Jenkins (Bro M); 105 Alicia O'Connor (StRichG): 106 Rhian Jones (Lwt); 115 Kara Heale (Bro M); 117 Amy Miller (Lwt); 120 Morgan Danes-James (Bryn H); 123 Molly Brown (Lwt); 127 Rhian Thomas (Lwt); 129 Melissa Gray (Lwt); 130 Georgia Hayes (Lwt); 131 Sarah Arnold (Bryn H); 140 Angharad Clarke (StC); 146 Rebecca Gill (StRichG): 147 Elinor Power (StRichG); 150 Aimee Marshall (StRichG); 155 Poppy Tremlett (Bryn H); 159 Madison James (StRichG).

Teams: 1 Cowbridge 844; 4 Stanwell 733; Llantwit Major 664; 9 Brvn Hafren 614: 12 Bro Morgannwg 549; 15 St Richard Gwyn 376; 21 St Cyres (2 finishers) 89. Teams after two fix-

tures: 2 Cowbridge 48 (1835); 5 Stanwell 42; 6 Llantwit Major 40; 10 Bro Morgannwg 31 (1357); 11 Bryn Hafren 31 (1351); 16 St Richard Gwyn 19; 21 St Cyres 10 (375).

Jonathan Bowden.

amateur

improve football training for a range of ages, and details for a number of to Penarth mini-junior sports and physical sports and physical activity clubs in the Vale ing courses and equip- of Glamorgan, please ment. visit www.valeofglamor-The three other groups gan.gov.uk/sportsand-enefiting from play

A club spokeswoman of swimmers, family and and to recurrent cooperations spent anything who helped nearly all from one hour to all day day with her daughter

Rhian Davies".

A big thank you must go to the shoppers and staff of Morrison's for Amateur Swimming Should telephone the same two schools head the competition the fantastic support they Club, should telephone gave to us by donating Mrs Heulwen Cooper on £947. on 48 points, with Cardiff High gaining pole position thanks to 20 more place points.

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Service and cremation on Thursday November 19, 2009, at 1.20pm at Emstrey Crematorium, London Road, Shrewsbury SY2 6PS, and afterwards at home.

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Michael

Peacefully on November 2, Michael, former bursar of Atlantic College. Beloved husband of Deirdre, loving father of Nicola, Catrina and Patrick, a dear father-in-law and much loved by all his grandchildren

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W James & Sons, Fonmon. Funeral Friday
November 13, service 1.30pm at St Donats Church,
Llantwit Major followed by private cremation.

No flowers by request, donations in lieu if desired to Holme Tower Marie Curie Centre or Velindre Care Trust, both c/o J James, 11 Fonmon Road, Rhoose, CF62 3DZ.

UPSTONE Victor Ernest

Passed away peacefully at Princess of Wales Hospital, Bridgend on Thursday, 5th November. Dearly loved husband of Mildred, beloved father of John. Service at Ramoth United Free Church, Cowbridge on Monday, 16th November at 10.00am, followed by cremation at Coychurch Crematorium at 11.00am. Family flowers only. Donations in lieu, if desired, to Cancer Research, sent to Thomas Bros, Funeral Directors, Cowbridge, CF71 7LR.

REYNOLDS, David

Peacefully on November 7th at University Hospital of Wales, Cardiff, David of Rhoose. Dearly loved father of Claire, Jayne and Emma, much loved grampy of Georgia, Ffion, Ellie, Joel, Maisey and Molly. Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W James & Sons, Formon. Funeral Thursday, November 19th, service 10.15am at Rhoose Presbyterian Church, followed by cremation at Coychurch Crematorium, Bridgend at 11.30am. No flowers by request, donations in lieu if desired to RNLI c/o J James, 11 Fonmon Road, Rhoose, CF62 3DZ

Paula Spencer

Passed away November 13, 2008. Much-loved wife. mother and sister. Missing you every day and always. husband, Tim.

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RIGHT: Alun Cairns AM (Assembly captain), Leon Ford (Seaview captain) and team mate Andrew RT Davies AM.



GEM readers may mistakenly have thought that the BIG rugby game was at the Millennium Stadium Saturday but it was Seaview RFC winning actually in Barry, 24 to the Assembly's 17. where the National Assembly Team plaved Comprehensive

The Assembly included AMs Alun Cairns, captain of the All Party Rugby Group, and Tory colleague Andrew RT Davies.

The game was a close on fought encounter, with

Alun Cairns reported: "It was a great game Seaview played in the best of spirits and for bowel cancer RFC on the playing as an excellent cause. I the must admit to personally managing only half an School in aid of hour of play! They cer-Bowel Cancer UK. tainly didn't hold back."



Jane Hutt, Labour AM for the Vale, was there to support the 'combatants' and praised the 'water boys' Lewis and Kyle.

'Barry must not lose its test centre'

VALE AM, Jane Hutt, has expressed her support for the retention of the Driving Standards Agency Test Centre in Dock View Road, Barry.

She has written to the UK Transport Minister responsible for the DSA, asking him to intervene and ensure that the Test Centre is retained or re

She said: "As the largest town in Wales, Barry needs its own Test Centre. We know that reliance on a Cardiff Test Centre would be costly for test candidates as well as local driving instructors.

"At a time of economic down turn, it is vital that we support our young people in acquiring skills such as driving competence which will enhance employability

Barry cadets go for gold!

RECENTLY, cadets members of No1 Welsh from 372 (Barry) Wing, the Squadron, complet-Squadron, completed one of the most Gold Duke Edinburgh award.

CWO Sian Davies and CWO Caz Bradley spent 18 months completing hours of community service, skills and proj-ects and training for the four-day expedition.

appointed Lieutenants Cadets for South Glamorgan in 2008 and assisted the local communities at events such Remembrance Day. They
They are also taking were also training for the part in the gliding scholnost important and gruelling part of the award, the four-day walking walking

expedition. with other

they visic National Park to complete the expedition, reaching a gruelling tasks the total distance of 50miles ATC can offer; their across the mountainous of region.

The team completed walk at Harlech Castle after climbing heights of over 500m and over 32 hours of walking and were pleased to hear they had passed the expedition phase.

were The girls now hold a Lord completed Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award. All that awaits them is a trip to St James Palace to collect their certificate from the Duke of Edinburgh.

arship at MoD St Athan, as well as target shooting and other adventure training activities.

JASON HORTON 672062.

AM's concern at rise in shoplifting

parliamentary candidate Alun Čairns AM has expressed concern at a 59 per cent increase in shoplifting from businesses in Barry.

He was a speaker at the AGM of Business PACT which covers Barry and Culverhouse and he warned traders to be more security minded as the effects of the credit crunch start to

Mr Cairns told the AGM: "It is crucial that shops and businesses work together in the fight against shoplifting

VALE Conservative gangs which tend to target town centres and shopping areas Organisations like Business PACT, which is run by local police, are the key to tackling this problem.

"It was inevitable that during a recession, crime would rise and Home Office ministers have been privately warning of increased crime figures for some time

The AGM heard that there are 39 businesses in PACT - 36 of them in Barry. Shoplifting offences reported from July 2008 to June 2009 rose by 59 per cent to 213. The previous year, there were 134 incidents

Llandough diabetes support meeting

THERE will be a voluntary group meeting of Diabetes UK Cymru on November 17 at Llandough Hospital, Penarth.

The meeting will start at 7.30pm, and will included an answer and question session on diabetes. New members are always welcome; for more details please ring 01446 746639.

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BARRY GYMNASTS' SUCCESS - AS IWAN



THE Barry YMCA has had an excellent opening season of competitions with a winning medal haul from June to October.

the Norwegian International event. The Welsh team was led by Barry YMCA high per-formance coach Pete Haysham, with Barry YMCA Clinton Nathan Mullett selected to compete in the squad.

Wales take the gold Morgan, medal. In the individual Brown, all around competition, Clinton Purnell, placed second overall, missed six pieces of equipment out on the gold medal by to be placed second fractions. The results overalls saw the boys qualify for Bradley achieved

Joseph Rowland, Ben as an individual in this and high bar.
Dennis and James Elliott category. National

competed in the event on September 5-6 at Planet Ice at Cardiff Bay.

boys The Welsh wowed the crowds with a team placed first over-some impressive skills all. In the all around and took the team silver. Ben Dennis and Joseph The excitement began in Oslo on June 13-14 at compete in the finals and Rowland went on to Joseph did exceptionally well to win the bronze medal on the parallel

n, with Barry gymnasts Purnell and Mullett selected.

Christopher Webber and Jack Everest worked hard across all team title.

of four Barry YMCA ond overall and first on ner-up on floor, pommel gymnasts for the UK rings and high bar. Well horse and high bar. School Games Welsh done also to Ieuan Clinton became Welsh gyllinasis for the Critical School Games Welsh done also to Ieuan Clinton became Welsh team. Iwan Mepham, Murray who competed champion on rings, vaul

Holton Rangers under-9s

like their new team kit!

In the under-14s, Iwan Haysham said the results lepham, Joseph of 2009 from junior to Menham. Rowland, Ben Dennis senior have been fantas-

and James Elliott formed tic, proving yet again a team placed first over-that Barry YMCA is at all. In the all around the fore front of Welsh event, the boys were out- Gymnastics. standing, taking first to fourth position, with amazing achievements, Iwan as champion, Pete Haysham and gym-Joseph (2nd), Ben (3rd) nasts Nathan Mullett,

Joseph (2hd), Ben (3rd) hasts Nathan Multerly, and James (4th). Clinton Purnell, Iwan Iwan was crowned Mepham, Joseph Welsh champion on Rowland, Ben Dennis floor, vault and high bar and James Elliott have wrapped up an excellent and the titles of pommel all been short listed for a round of competitions horse and rings were with the Welsh shared between Ben and Championships (October Joseph with Joseph winning the parallel bar will attend a dinner at the Vale Hotel on November

In the men's events, 13, where their achieve-Tom Roberts assisted the ments will be recogexperienced Nathan Mullett, Clinton Purnell Nathan nised and Connor Lewis to the

Nathan was placed first in the all around competition with Clinton saw the boys qualify for various apparatus finals.

The great results continued with the selection where he was placed sections. The great results continued with the selection where he was placed sections. The great results continued with the selection where he was placed sections. The great results continued with the selection where he was placed sections.

MEDALS APLENTY FOR YOUNGSTER

Morgan (aged 11) is Barry's latest YMCA gymnastic talent

BARRY YMCA gymnasts had an enjoyable time at the Welsh Institute of Sport where they competed in the Welsh Challenge Cup, Welsh National Challenge **Cup and Levels** Championships.

Welsh squad and Welsh Academy member Morgan Horne competed at the highest level of competition in the Level event against the best 11-year-olds in

She competed confidently on all four pieces showing good determination. She claimed the all around title and also claimed gold on vault and bars, silver on floor and bronze on beam.

Morgan will now go on to compete at the British Level Two championships in England.
The National

Challenge Cup competition is the next competi-tive step down from Welsh Challenge Cup. Only a handful of gymnasts across Wales can achieve the level of performance required to compete in this competition.

Barry gymnast Olivia



Parry, who is a member of the Welsh squad and Welsh Gymnastics Academy, entered this event and demonstrated her ability by claiming the all around title.

She gained further gold medals on vault and bars and also secured a silver medal on floor and

bronze on beam.

In the 8/9 years section of the Welsh
Challenge Cup, Barry were represented by Alana Stokes and Nia Davies, both of whom were competing for the first time in this level of

competition.

There is a big jump up to this level of com-

ABOVE: OLIVIA AND MORGAN.

petition compared to the previous level, with both gymnasts having to per-form a number of new

They performed their routines with confidence and style, demonstrating their great improvement over the year.

Both gymnasts suc-cessfully completed the competition, with Nia Davies claiming a bronze medal on the beam. Congratulations to all

gymnasts and coaches.

KAREN DAVIES

FAY BENNINGWOOD Lorelei Westcott in line for a national award

OLD Lorelei Westcott, a pupil at Llantwit Major Comprehensive has been nominated for an award at the forthcoming Welsh Gymnastics ceremony at the Vale Hotel later this month.

13, where their achieve-

Following

Lorelei has been shortlisted for the award of Rhythmic Gymnast of the Year, a sport at which she has excelled

for the past six years.
The prestigious nomination comes at the end of a very successful year for Lorelei, in which she has achieved her best ever results at international level. In March, she travelled with a small group of Welsh squad members to New York to compete in the Coaches Cup, where she beat off tough competi-tion from several countries to take the gold medal in the ribbon competition and bronze medal overall.

She also received a special award in recogni-tion of the elegance of her performances. In June, Lorelei had an enjoyable and successful trip to the British



Championships in Stoke. thrilling the audience and judges with her Spanish matadorinspired free dance routine, which earned her the second highest score

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Lorelei Westcott

ALANA AND NIA.

and placed seventh overall in the senior competi-tion. Lorelei is currently recovering from a back injury which has seen her take an enforced break from competing. but she is continuing her enthusiasm for the sport of rhythmic gymnastics through coaching at Barry YMCA and judging at local and national competitions.

Lorelei thanked her coaches and the many local organisations and individuals who have helped to make her nom ination for the award possible

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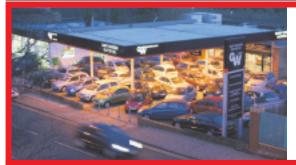


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Dragons have too much fire for their neighbours in league cup encounter

ue their unbeaten run, The Dragons welcomed near neighbours and local rivals Dinas Powys to Jenner Park for a **Nathaniel Car Sales** League Cup.

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the Barry management were confident of further progress in the competi-

Manager Gavin Chesterfield brought midfielder Sam Harterey into central defence, a Having moved up to move that turned out fifth in the table recently, be a very shrewd one move that turned out to

and he turned in a man of the match perform-

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With the Jones brothers in midfield for the first time in weeks, the team were showing a good balance, testimony to an excellent squad of players at Jenner club.

Dinas, with two former Dragons in their ranks, the dangerous James Dixon and Jacob Rudman, were for the most part second best on the day.

The former did cause

the odd moment of consternation early on, as he sped into the box only for the excellent Harterey to execute a tackle which allowed Dan Bradley to go down to his left to save easily.

That was about as good as it got for Dinas, the exception being the occasional foray into the opposing half and a few subsequent corners.

The Dragons took control of the game and it was with some sur-prise that it took until the 41st minute to open the scoring, with striker Sam Small netting after an accurate cross from midfielder James Simpson.

Such was their domi-nance that they scored again soon after.

The hard tackling Anthony Redwood hit a fierce low drive which was deflected into the bottom corner past the sprawling Dinas keeper to merit 2-0 to the home side at the interval.

The second half started and finished with the yellow shirted Dragons in complete control

They denied their visitors any worthwhile possession of the ball, and the introduction of Rob Blatchford and Morgan Harris caused

The third and final goal was scored by striker Josh Bell from close range with just three minutes remaining

A fourth goal looked likely a minute later, but James Simpson's header hit the cross bar and rebounded to safety.

Next up are Ely Rangers on November 20 (kick-off 7.30pm). Supporters lottery – November 5 – 5, 6, 9,

16, 19, 20; no winners DAVID COLE

Forget 'if only'... The All Blacks have taught Wales a vital psychological lesson

BACK PAGE COMMENT by Don John

ONLY...Wales' replacement scrum half Martin Roberts had not been illegally felled by Dan Carter's high tackle, with the exposed All Blacks' line tantalisingly close....

IF ONLY lock Alun Wyn-Jones' scrambled pass after his 70-yard burst in the dying moments of the match had gone to a Welsh hand...

IF ONLY...!

As the passion and heat of a pulsating, if less than classic clash between two proud rugby camps finally cools, all the post-match ifs and buts cannot disguise the stark reality of 21 successive Welsh defeats to their New Zealand nemesis over 56 barren years.

In the cold light of day, Saturday's latest encounter at the Millennium stadium in Cardiff appeared to have followed the by now wellworn script.

As on so many occasions in the past, a spirited Welsh team had mounted a determined first half challenge, spurred on by a fervent capacity crowd – only to be contained and then clinically dispatched by more ruthless, streetwise opponents, and an unyielding aggressive defence – the end result being yet another in a long line of 'heroic defeats'

Except that, though partly true, this time it wasn't quite like that, for there was no second half Kiwi points blitz, of the kind seen as recently as last year in Cardiff.

In fact, at the final whistle, only seven points separated the two teams: The scoreboard read Wales 12,

New Zealand 19 (with Carter's boot accounting for 14 points) and the All Blacks managing only one converted try by Andrew Hore, against four penalties by home outside half Stephen Jones.

Indeed, Wales might even have scrambled an unlikely win at the death, when Wyn-Jones broke away on his solo dash for fame only halted by a desperate last-ditch tackle just yards short of the try line.

Ironically, the Welsh camp may have taken more, psychologically, from this result than the victors who, though competent and typically efficient, were certainly not the nearinvincible All Black force of old, and for once were the more relieved of the two to hear the final whistle.

One can only wonder what might have been the final result if only, as Wales head coach Kiwi Warren Gatland had forecast, New Zealand had been without the totally commanding presence of man-of-thematch Dan Carter, for ulti-mately his slide-rule kicking was the difference

between the two teams.
That said, it is mightily encouraging that Wales are now able to physically com-pete on level terms with rugby's giants for 80 minutes, as was again shown on Saturday.

Even more significantly, Welsh players who all too often in the past appeared defeated before they took the field, never confident of actually beating the mighty All Blacks, are slowly changing this ingrained defeatist mindset under the steely influence of proven hardcore winners, Gatland and Shaun Edwards.

It was evident from the disappointed players' postmatch reactions that genuine inner belief is steadily growing and that they knew it had been a rare opportunity missed.

Provided they can iron out lapses in concentration as the game unfolds, play the referee's whistle (in the streetwise manner of the All Blacks) and keep control when the pressure tells, the day surely cannot be too far distant when new-found mental hardness translates into tangible and consistent success against the 'big boys' on the world stage.

In this context, the Welsh camp may yet come to view the lessons of Saturday's defeat to New Zealand as a formative milestone on the road to Wales re-joining that elite group at last. They can take another

important step in the right direction against the boneiarring Samoans tomorrow evening – in a Millennium stadium clash that, on all too painful past experience, will be no place for the faint-hearted!

Not surprisingly, canny Gatland has taken few risks with his selection.

WALES TEAM: James Hook, Leigh Halfpenny, Tom Shanklin, Jamie Roberts, Tom James, Dan Biggar, Dwayne Peel; Gethin Jenkins, Huw Bennett, Paul James, Luke Charteris, Alun-Wyn Jones, Andy Powell, Sam Warburton, Ryan Jones (capt).

Replacements: Matthew Rees, Craig Mitchell, Bradley Davies, Jonathan Thomas, Martin Roberts, Jonathan Davies, Morgan

.. and how did it go from the Dinas point of view? DINAS got what

they deserved from this poor performance, with neighbours Barry Town were left to rue these fully deserving to progress to the next round of the cup. The first 40 minutes of the game was fairly

right wing cross to open the scoring.

A couple of minutes later the referee allowed even, with the home side shading possession and Dinas having the better opportunities.

If it wasn't for the vigilance of home keeper Dan Bradley, Dinas

may have taken a two-goal lead with Tony Wallis and then Jaymes second half. Dixon both having just the keeper to beat, but failing with Bradley saving at their feet.
Five minutes before

Old

half-time the visitors

played host to Blaenau

Gwent in a friendly

From a ruck, the ball was passed along the line for Cai Evans to score in the corner but the con-

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LEAGUE CUP ROUND TWO BARRY TOWN DINAS POWYS

missed chances when Sam Small was given too much room in the penalty area and he com-fortably converted a

Barry to take a quick free kick and they scored with a low shot from 25yards, giving Dinas a mountain to climb in the

Dinas were finding it difficult to find any sort of rhythm and the nearest they came to scoring in the second half was when keeper Bradley again saved at the feet of

under-11s by Cai Evans to make the Vale. At the start of the sec-ond half, Cai Evans con-

version was missed.

Joe Short won the ball broke through the Blaenau Gwent defence and powered his way over for a try which was converted by Cai Evans. and set the ball up to be passed along the Vale Sean Boffy, with the help of his forwards, was backs to Charlie Pegrum driven over the line to who scored under the Will Gale then raced

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Vale Schools win LAST weekend, Vale and the try was converted

> verted his own try and Charlie Pegrum was then able to show his pace and score and unconverted try in the corner.

> Spencer Robinson posts. The try was converted by Cai Evans. Final score 43-0 Vale.

tute Rhodri Foote. Barry played with the

Tony Wallis following a

good cross from substi-

confidence of the two-goal lead without creat-ing any real scoring opportunities, but they did find their way through five minutes from time when good play between substitutes Rob Blatchford and Morgan Harris gave Josh Bell the chance to add a third with a shot from eight yards.

Next week there is an enforced international break but Dinas will have to improve if they are to get anything from the next game against Bryntirion at The Murch

Squad: 1 Peter Blaine, 2 Tom Hutton, 3 Andy Lane, 4 Josh Reffell, 5 Lloyd Davies, 6 Jacob Rudman, 7 Ricki Morgan, 8 Jaymes Dixon, 9 Joe Hinds, 10 Tony Wallis, 11 Paul Carro, 12 Ashton Turne 14 Rhodri Foote, 15 Owain Adams, 16 Mathew Edward-Jones.

Forthcoming fixtures Welsh League Division One. November 21. Dinas Powys v
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